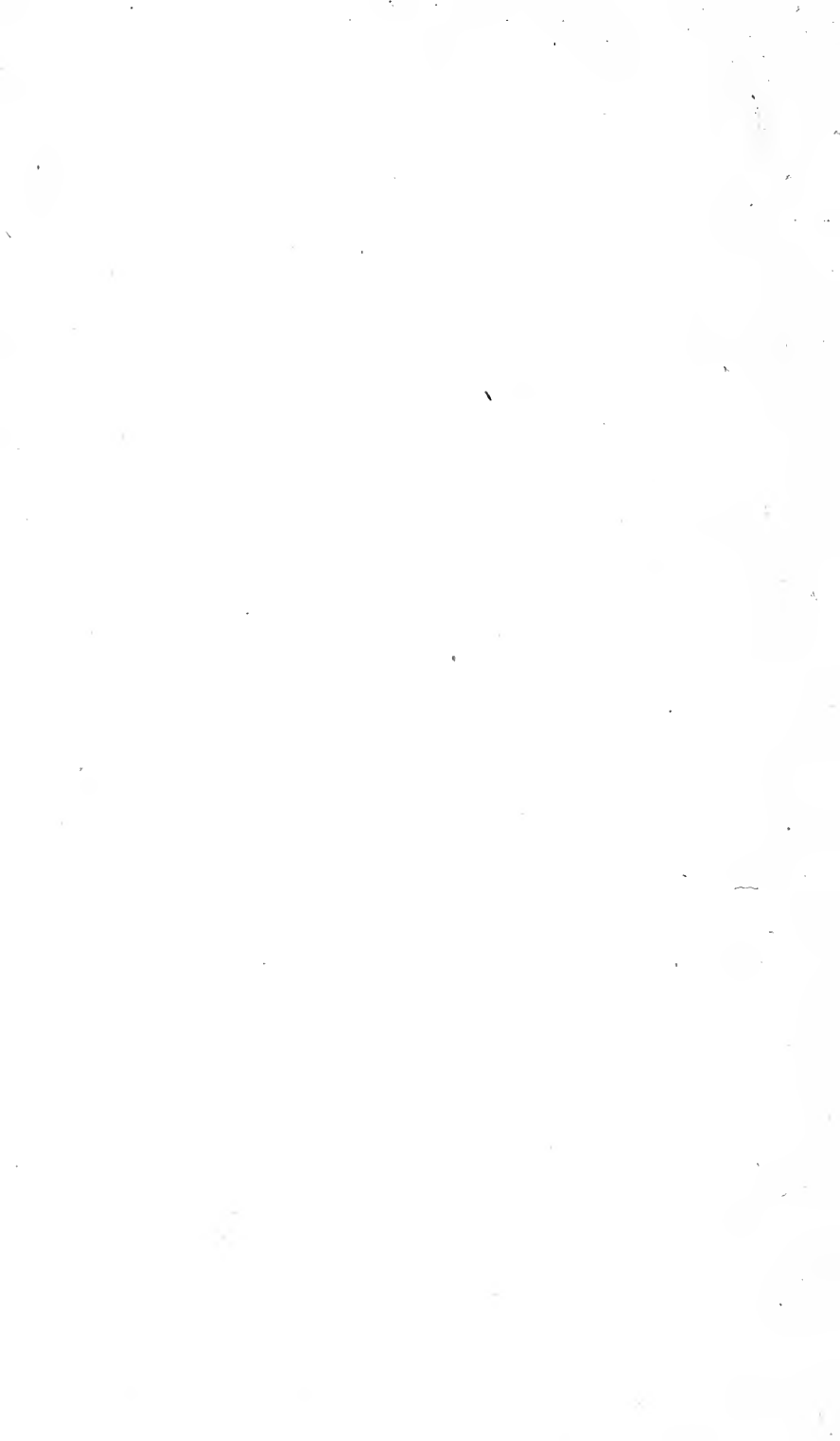


Division BX1E 67
Section PBA 67
1873 67





TENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Potomac

OF THE

✓
REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

In General Convention

AT

ALTOONA, PA., OCTOBER, 1882.

PHILADELPHIA:

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, 907 ARCH STREET.
1882.

LEMMATA.

- ART. I. OPENING OF SYNOD.
ART. II. MEMBERS PRESENT.
ART. III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
ART. IV. RULES OF ORDER.
ART. V. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.
 1. *On Religious Services.*
 2. *On Minutes of Synod.*
 3. *On Overtures.*
 4. *On Minutes of Classes.*
 5. *On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.*
 6. *On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.*
 7. *On Education.*
 8. *On Missions.*
 9. *On Publication.*
 10. *On Finance.*
 11. *On Nominations.*
 12. *On Ministerial Necrology.*
ART. VI. COMMUNICATIONS.
ART. VII. RELIGIOUS SERVICES.
ART. VIII. MINUTES OF SYNOD.
ART. IX. OVERTURES.
ART. X. MINUTES OF CLASSES.
ART. XI. EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.
ART. XII. STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.
ART. XIII. EDUCATION.
ART. XIV. MISSIONS.
ART. XV. FINANCE.
ART. XVI. APPEALS AND REFERENCES.
ART. XVII. COMPLAINTS.
ART. XVIII. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.
ART. XIX. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.
ART. XX. PUBLICATION.
ART. XXI. MISCELLANEOUS.
ART. XXII. MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.
ART. XXIII. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.
ART. XXIV. ADJOURNMENT.

Tenth Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, convened in General Convention, in Altoona, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the eleventh and continued until the evening of the sixteenth day of the month, inclusive, at 9 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in *General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 11th, A. D. 1882, at 7.30 o'clock, in Christ Reformed Church of Altoona, Blair County, Pa., pursuant to appointment of last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The President of the previous Synod, Rev. I. G. Brown, preached the opening sermon from I Tim. 2:5 and 6,—“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers: Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Simon S. Miller, P. Allison Long, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Ambrose C. Geary, Leighton G. Kremer, Marion L. Firor, Silas M. Hench, and Charles F. Sontag.

Elders: Christian Thomas, William H. Haugh, Goldsborough S. Griffith, William H. Harry, Alexander Weaver, Christian M. Keedy, Jacob Saum, Samuel Ramsburg, and J. Taylor Motter.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers: William M. Deatriek, Isaac G. Brown, Albert G. Dole, William I. Stewart, William C. Cremer, Henry F. Long, J. David Miller, Henry S. Garner, Isaac N. Peightel, John M. Titzel, D. D., Cyrus J. Musser, Cyrus Cort, Calvin S. Slagle, Jonas B. Shontz, William M. Andrews, Simon Wolf, Jacob Hassler, and Cyrus H. Reiter.

Elders: John Hawk, John P. Reed, Esq., Jacob Heyser, Jacob Rhodes, Josiah Ritchey, George L. Freet, Jonas C. Imler, Jacob Whitmore, Frederick A. Daihl, Josiah Koontz, James H. Patterson, Josiah Imler, William C. Ritchey, Benjamin Hoover, Henry Schoenfelt, James Smith, Joseph Isenberg, A. Jackson Wisegarver, and Elias Bartol.

* A considerable number of the members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first session. Hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would appear had they been present at the first roll-call.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers: Samuel N. Callender, D. D., John C. Bowman, and John A. Hoffheins.

Elder: William A. Cushwa.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers: Reinhart Smith, Reuben Rahauser, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Alfred F. Dreisbach, Frederick J. Sauerber, and Jacob O. Miller, D. D.

Elders: Charles A. Shultz, Dietrich Hildebrand, and Aaron Rodgers.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers: Moses Kieffer, D. D., Silas F. Laury, Henry Hilbish, and David N. Dittmar.

Elders: Jacob A. Hartman, Michael Bowman, Jacob Hamm, and George W. Hartman.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers: Francis S. Lindaman, Henry T. Spangler, William R. H. Deatrich, and Amos H. Kremer, D. D.

Elders: Francis M. McKeehan, Benjamin Titzel, and George Hoo-baugh.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Minister: G. Dickie Gurley.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

None present.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Peter S. Davis, D. D., Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Rev. David B. Shucy, and licentiate Henry K. Binkley, of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; Revs. John McConnell, John W. Love, Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, Peter C. Prugh, Daniel H. Leader, John W. Knappenberger, Calvin U. Heilman, John M. Souder, John M. Evans, and Elders William R. Barnhart and David Humphrey, of the Synod of Pittsburgh; and Elders Isaac M. Neff, William Neff, David Dunn, Robert Tussey, and John D. Eekerd, of the Mercersburg Classis.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

[The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. M. N. Cornelius, S. N. Moore, D. D., and J. C. Barr, of the Presbyterian Church; H. J. H. Lemecke, J. J. Kerr, H. Baker, and W. W. Criley, of the Lutheran Church; A. K. Bell, D. D., of the Baptist Church; and G. Warren and J. B. Young, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. N. H. Skyles, *President*, Jefferson, Md.

Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Vice-President*, York, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. C. Cremer, *Corresponding Secretary*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Reading Clerk*, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Elder Louis Markell, *Treasurer*, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE IV. RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with, and the limits constituting the *Bar of the House* were defined to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

On motion, it was ordered that hereafter the reading of a report be considered its reception, so as to do away with the practice of a motion to receive it after it has been read.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the current sessions of the Synod, to wit:

The forenoon session to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock. The afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4½ o'clock. An evening session was held on Monday evening, beginning at 7½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services: Revs. J. M. Titzel, A. G. Dole, J. D. Miller, S. Wolf, and Elders G. L. Freet, J. Rhodes, and J. Hawk.

Minutes of Synod: Revs. W. M. Deatriek, H. T. Spangler, R. Smith, S. M. Hench, and Elders C. Thomas, J. Ritchey, and W. H. Haugh.

Overtures: Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, A. C. Geary, H. S. Garner, C. J. Musser, and Elders A. Weaver, J. H. Patterson, and W. A. Cushwa.

Minutes of Classes: Revs. S. S. Miller, J. T. Rossiter, F. S. Lindaman, S. F. Laury, and Elders W. H. Harry, J. Whitmore, and A. Rodgers.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination: Revs. M. Kieller, S. N. Callender, I. S. Weisz, P. A. Long, and Elders G. S. Griffith, J. Heyser, and J. Saum.

State of Religion and Statistics: Revs. I. G. Brown, D. N. Dittmar, W. I. Stewart, M. L. Firor, and Elders J. P. Reed, C. A. Shultz, and G. Hoobaugh.

Education: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, W. C. Cremer, J. B. Shontz, H. F. Long, and Elders C. M. Keedy, S. Ramsburg, and F. A. Dahl.

Missions: Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, H. Hilbish, L. G. Kremer, R. Rahauser, and Elders D. Hildebrand, J. A. Hartman, and B. Titzel.

Publication: Revs. C. Cort, S. N. Callender, I. N. Peightel, H. T. Spangler, and Elders M. Bowman, G. W. Hartman, and B. Hoover.

Finance: Revs. J. C. Bowman, C. J. Musser, W. M. Andrews, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders J. T. Motter, J. C. Imler, and J. Koontz.

Nominations: Revs. A. C. Geary, J. T. Rossiter, G. D. Gurley, C. S. Slagle, and Elders F. M. McKeehan, J. Imler, and J. Hamm.

Ministerial Necrology: Revs. F. J. Sauerber, A. G. Dole, W. I. Stewart, F. S. Lindaman, and Elders C. A. Shultz, W. C. Ritchey, and W. H. Harry.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Portland-Oregon, Gettysburg, and Carlisle were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. Annual Reports of the Board of Education, of the Board of Regents

of Mercersburg College, of the Board of Visitors, and of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary were presented to the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were received and severally read, except that of the Superintendent of Missions, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was submitted to the Synod, read, and disposed of without reference.

7. The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was presented, read, and also disposed of without reference.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments:

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening.—Missionary services, to be conducted by the Committee on Missions.

Friday Evening.—Discussion of Sunday-school topics, to be conducted by the Sunday-school Board.

Saturday Evening.—Services preparatory to the Communion. Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Sunday Morning.—Communion. Sermon by Rev. C. Cort.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Eschbach.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Friday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Callender.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Eschbach.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Weisz.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Kremer.

SECOND METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Cremer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. M. L. Firor.

THIRD METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller.

SECOND LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. I. N. Peightel.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Bowman.

FOURTH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. S. Wolf.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. Hassler.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

GERMAN BAPTIST (TUNKER) CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. C. H. Reiter.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. S. Wolf.

SECOND AFRICAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last Annual Sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business that properly claimed the attention of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday morning, this Committee presented its report, which was received and considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Printed Minutes of the Synod of last year, after a careful examination of them, begs leave to report the following items, as, in its judgment, requiring the attention of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology was appointed, whose duty it will be to report at the present meeting of the Synod, of which Committee Rev. H. Wissler is Chairman.

Item 2, page 10. The request of the General Synod to the District Synods to examine carefully and give an expression of their opinion in regard to the proposed changes in the contemplated revision of the Constitution, with reference to annual sessions of the General Synod, election of delegates to the General Synod by the District Synods instead of the Classes, and concentration of Church work in Boards appointed by the General Synod, was referred to a special Committee, of which Rev. W. M. Deatriek is Chairman, with instructions to report at this meeting of the Synod.

Item 3, page 27. The Synod appropriated three hundred dollars annually for five years to Mercersburg College, to help meet the interest on its indebtedness.

Item 4, page 27. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that will take place in the Board of Education, at the close of the present sessions of the Synod, by the expiration of the term of service of Revs. W. Goodrich, A. J. Heller, and Elder J. Heyser.

Item 5, page 28. It will be the duty of the Synod to fill by election the

vacancies about to occur in the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College of the following members, whose term of office expires during the present month, namely, Elders A. R. Schnebly and Louis Markell, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.

Item 6, page 44. Thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars were apportioned for Home Missions among the several Classes constituting the Synod.

Item 7, page 44. The Classes are urgently enjoined to make every proper effort to meet their respective apportionments.

Item 8, page 44. The Classes are instructed to enjoin upon their pastors to take up, during the Synodical year, at such time as may be deemed most suitable, a collection in each congregation for a Church Building Fund.

Item 9, page 44. Iowa Classis was requested to place its missions under the Tri-Synodic Board, so far, at least, as to report annually to said Board their condition and the amounts contributed for their support, and \$450.00 were apportioned among the Classes of this Synod for the support of mission work in the bounds of the Iowa Classis.

Item 10, page 45. It becomes necessary to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, in order to fill the vacancies in said Board, already existing, caused by the expiration of the term of service of Rev. J. O. Miller and Elder S. Dutrow, which took place on the 1st instant.

Item 11, page 47. Certain specific assessments are made upon the several Classes for the Contingent Fund of the Synod.

Item 12, page 47. Assessments are made upon the Classes for meeting the deficiency in the income of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and the indebtedness of the Reformed Church Publication Board to the estate of Mrs. Naomi Fisher, deceased.

Item 13, page 47. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Rev. W. R. H. Deatrieh, whose term of service will end January 1st, A. D. 1883, agreeably to the charter.

Item 14, page 49. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the place of Rev. J. W. Santee, whose term of office expires at this meeting of the Synod.

Item 15, page 50. The authorized Gettysburg Classis was to meet for organization in Gettysburg, Pa., June 14th, 1882, on which occasion Rev. Dr. Kiefler was to act as President.

Item 16, page 50. The authorized Carlisle Classis was to meet for organization in Carlisle, Pa., on the same date, when Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer was to preside.

Item 17, page 51. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of the Synod published in pamphlet form, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive Minutes of the Synod.

Item 18, page 56. The term of office of Elder A. B. Wingerd as a member of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States will terminate with the present meeting of the Synod, and it will be necessary to fill the vacancy by an election.

Item 19, page 57. The Classes were requested to order a collection for the benefit of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church, to be lifted in our churches on or about the third Sunday in June of the present year.

Item 20, page 57. The several Classes and pastoral charges still delinquent in their apportionments for the Washington Mission Chapel were earnestly urged to take immediate steps to meet their obligations in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 15 and 16, see Article XIX, Church Government; on items 3, 11, and 12, see Article XV, Finance; items 4, 5, 10, 13, 14, and 18 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the requisite nominations; on items 6, 7, 8, 9, and 20, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 17, see Article XX, Publication; and on item 19, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received and acted on item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following:

Item 1. A communication from the officers of the San Francisco Classis, giving some account of the doings and the condition of said Classis.

Item 2. A number of documents relating to difficulties in the San Francisco Classis.

Item 3. A communication from the President of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, together with an appeal for help.

Item 4. A communication from the President of the Board of Managers and the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 5. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, calling the attention of the Synod to what has been done in the work of Foreign Missions, and the necessity for an assistant to missionary Gring.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3, and 4, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; and on item 5, see Article XIV, Missions.

ARTICLE X. MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was disposed of item by item, amended, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

The Minutes of Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Zion's, Portland-Oregon, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes were referred to the Committee. Upon a careful examination of them, we find the following items claiming attention, to wit:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's Classis failed to commence its annual meeting with a sermon, as required by the Constitution of the Church.

2. The same Classis neglected to take action on item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod.

3. North Carolina Classis held a special meeting, of which only eleven days' notice was given.

4. The same Classis failed to read and adopt the minutes of special meetings held October 1st, 1881, and June 14th, 1882, and also the minutes of the last day's session of the annual meeting.

5. Portland-Oregon Classis failed to convene at the place fixed by the previous annual meeting.

6. The same Classis neglected to give the hour at which it convenes next year.

7. Gettysburg Classis organized on the 7th of June instead of the 14th, as directed by the Synod.

8. Carlisle Classis organized on the 13th of June instead of the 14th, as ordered to do by the Synod.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. Mercersburg Classis requests the Synod to form a new Classis out of that

portion of her present territory lying north and west of Fulton County, to be called the *Juniata Classis*, the organization not to go into effect until after the next annual meeting of Mercersburg Classis.

10. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to excuse it for the present from the payment of the Washington Mission Chapel apportionment, and asks the Synod to distribute the unpaid amount of said apportionment among the Classes of Zion, Gettysburg, and Carlisle.

11. Portland-Oregon Classis requests the Synod to designate how much it will appropriate to a Mission House in said Classis.

12. Carlisle Classis requests the Synod to look with forbearance upon its changing the time of its organization.

13. The same Classis asks the Synod to publish its statistics in connection with the names of ministers and pastoral charges belonging to it.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

No appeals or complaints to the Synod are found in the Minutes of the Classes.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

14. All the Classes took favorable action upon the subjects referred to them, with the exception of Zion's Classis on Church Building Fund, and North Carolina Classis on assessments for Theological Seminary and Publication Board, and in part also on Contingent Fund.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

15. Maryland Classis received the Rev. Elias Welty, M. D., from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Rev. Louis F. Zinkhan from the Lancaster Classis of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; and dismissed the Rev. Jonas B. Shontz to the Mercersburg Classis.

16. Mercersburg Classis received the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., from the Lebanon Classis, the Rev. Jonas B. Shontz from the Maryland Classis, the Rev. William M. Andrews from the Eastern Ohio Classis, and the Rev. Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Daniel H. Leader to the Clarion Classis, the Revs. George B. Russell, D. D., and J. Alvin Reber to the Lebanon Classis, and the licentiate Albert A. Black to the Miami Classis.

17. Zion's Classis received the licentiate James R. Lewis from the Tohickon Classis, and dismissed him to the Carlisle Classis.

18. Virginia Classis licensed Christian W. Summey.

19. North Carolina Classis received the Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan from the Presbytery of West Jersey; and dismissed the Rev. Jesse W. Cecil to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

20. Portland-Oregon Classis ordained the licentiates Albert Kreuter and Frederick Ewald to the work of the holy ministry.

21. Carlisle Classis received the licentiate James R. Lewis from the Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Christian ministry.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

22. Maryland Classis will meet in St. Paul's Church of Westminster, Carroll County, Md., May 23d, A. D. 1883, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. C. Geary, *President*; and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

23. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Greencastle, Franklin County, Pa., May 16th, A. D. 1883, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. D. Miller, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

24. Zion's Classis will meet in Canadochly Church, York County, Pa., May 18th, A. D. 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. O. Miller, *President*; Rev. F. J. Sauerber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

25. Virginia Classis will meet in Harrisville, Shenandoah County, Va., May 16th, A. D. 1883, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. S. L. Whitmore, *President*; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*.

26. North Carolina Classis will meet in Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, N. C., May 24th, A. D. 1883, at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. Ingold, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. T. Long, *Treasurer*.

27. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in St. Peter's Church, Oregon City,

Oregon, June 14th, A. D. 1883. Rev. J. Gantenbein, *President*; Rev. F. Ewald, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder F. Kellermeier, *Treasurer*.

28. Gettysburg Classis will meet in New Oxford, Adams County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1883, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. M. Kieffer, *President*; Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. J. Myers, *Treasurer*.

29. Carlisle Classis will meet in Sulphur Spring Church, Cumberland County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1883, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. H. Kremer, *President*; Rev. J. M. Mickly, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MILLER, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 15 to 29 inclusive, were severally adopted. For the action of the Synod on items 9, 12, and 13, see Article XIX, Church Government; on items 10 and 14, see Article XV, Finance; and on item 11, see Article XIV, Missions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination begs leave to report that, no references being made to it, the Committee found no duties to perform.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports offers the following report:

In reviewing the Classical Reports laid before your honorable body, the fact of trials and temptations, of difficulties and discouragements, is presented to the mind, and yet withal, also, the fact of more abounding victories and blessings, so that we are enabled to say: "Truly, God is good to Israel." We have reason, first of all, to make full acknowledgment of God's love and mercy to us during the past year. In general, good health has prevailed among our ministers and people, and a sound mind in a sound body is a blessing of great magnitude. And still greater is the blessing of vouchsafing to us the use of the means of grace and salvation. Our sanctuaries were regularly open, and the doctrines of the Gospel preached in our congregations in their purity, agreeably to the Word of God and the standards of our Church.

According to the Classical Reports, the great work of the Church of redeeming men, as it relates to the beginning and the future progress and unfolding of the Christian life and character, was regularly and earnestly carried forward. Adhering firmly to the truth of man's utter helplessness in his natural state, the fearful and total depravity of human nature and the consequent need of redemption are deeply felt. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Our blessed Lord instituted the Sacrament of Baptism for the remission of sin. Hence it is called "the washing of regeneration," and "the washing away of sins." And the words of the Lord Jesus are: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." The baptism of children was faithfully attended to, according to our Lord's commission to His apostles: "All power is given unto

Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the Highest Himself shall establish her."

The training of these baptized children in the knowledge of spiritual and heavenly things, according to the peculiar genius and distinctive character of our Church, has been receiving continued attention. To the question, are the catechising of the children, the instruction of the youth, and the introduction of members into the Church, faithfully attended to, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Reformed Church? the unhesitating and firm response, on the part of our eldership, was,—they are. Upon these children the blessing of Confirmation was bestowed, as their full and formal consecration to God's holy service. Thus there has been a regular and constant transition from the baptized to the communicant membership of the Church. "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."

The Christian life, like all other life, needs nourishment. Christ is the bread of heaven. He that cometh to Him shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Him shall never thirst. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." "He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." The Sacrament of Love is highly esteemed by the brethren, and regularly observed. We read of the refreshing seasons of many of the congregations in the several Classes of our Synod, and our people are looking forward hopefully to the final consummation of redemption and bliss in the resurrection of the just. "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The people of God, occupying such a position in His kingdom on earth,—fed and nourished by heavenly manna, and drinking of the water of life freely,—will abound in all that is good, and holy, and heavenly. The fruits of the Spirit will appear. Hence apportionments are paid, a missionary spirit revived, an increase of benevolent contributions reported, prayer meetings better attended, the Sunday-school cause promoted, and orphan homes fostered, the means of grace more faithfully used, and many, both old and young, have entered the fold. The attendance upon divine service is reported good, and mainly peace and good-will prevail among our people and pastors.

Christian education has also received a due share of attention. Mercersburg College has been re-opened by its Board of Regents, under the principalship of Dr. G. W. Anglinbaugh, an efficient and experienced teacher of youth. May we not cherish the hope that this cause will enlist, to a still deeper degree, the sympathy and co-operation of the membership and ministry of the Synod of the Potomac.

During the Synodical year just closed, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call two of our brethren, the Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower and the Rev. Daniel Gring, from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven. As good and faithful servants they were ready for the crown. Let us who remain work on in faith and hope while it is day, for our night will also come.

And now, all honor and glory be unto the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

[For the Statistical Tables see Appendix.]

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday morning, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Education begs leave to present to you the following annual report of its operations for the last fiscal or Synodical year.

The Board was duly organized by the election of Rev. Wm. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. G. Brown as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek as *Treasurer*, and the re-appointment of the Executive Committee of the previous year, consisting of the present officers of the Board.

The Board had under its care and supervision, during the past Synodical year, five beneficiary students, to whom funds were furnished. One of them completed his full collegiate and theological course of study last May, and was regularly licensed to preach the Gospel by the Virginia Classis at its last annual meeting. At present we have only four beneficiary students to supply with the usual appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars each per year. Two of these were referred to the care of the Board by the Maryland Classis, and two by the Mercersburg Classis. The two Classes just named, together with the Virginia Classis, are the only Classes constituting the Synod that comply with the constitutional requirement of carrying on their beneficiary operations through Synod's Board of Education. Hence the sums received and disbursed in conducting this arm of Church work, as embraced in our present report, necessarily are much less than they would be did all the Classes co-operate with the Board and obey the letter and spirit of the Constitution in the matter.

The Board feels again impelled to direct the earnest attention of the Synod, as well as the prayerful consideration of the entire Church, to the gradually diminishing number of young men preparing for the responsible work of the holy ministry, and urgently requests the Synod to devise such means and measures as shall tend to remedy the evil just referred to, and which threatens deplorable results unless speedily counteracted. The number of vacant charges and mission stations is annually increasing. Surely the laborers are inadequate to gather the ripening harvest. And where rests the blame for this lamentable state?

Last April the Treasurer of the Board received the remainder of the bequest of Samuel Bussard, deceased, of Friend's Cove, Bedford County, Pa., being \$282.09. This sum, together with the \$300.00 previously received from the same source, makes \$582.09, the entire amount of the decedent's estate, after the payment of debts and expenses. About ten years ago Mr. Bussard, who was childless and advanced in years, sought the advice and counsel of his pastor in regard to making a proper disposal of his worldly resources, amounting to only a few hundred dollars. His pastor gave him Dr. Harbaugh's excellent little book, *The Lord's Portion*, to read, and thus enabled him to decide the matter for himself. After reading it repeatedly, as he stated, he sent for his pastor, and requested him to draw up his last will and testament. After making suitable provision for his afflicted wife during her lifetime, he bequeathed all his remaining property to the Lord, giving it to the cause of beneficiary education. *The Lord's Portion* enlightened his mind to dispose in this manner of his small means. And why should not many do likewise?

The greater portion of this legacy the Treasurer of the Board, by and with the advice of the Executive Committee, in the early part of the present year, invested safely in a first mortgage loan, which recently yielded thirty dollars interest.

The Treasurer of the Board hereby acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions for beneficiary education during the last fiscal year, to wit:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

From First Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$30.00; Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, \$30.00; Hagerstown Charge, \$28.00; Westminster Charge, \$27.72; Middletown Church, \$26.00; Cavetown Charge, \$20.00; Glade Charge, \$20.00; Third Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$20.00; Manchester Charge, \$17.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$12.00; Mount Moriah Charge, \$10.00; Burkittsville Charge, \$3.50; and Mount Pleasant Charge, \$3.50. Making \$247.72.

Mercersburg Classis.

Altoona Church, \$40.00; Mercersburg Church, \$20.00; Chambersburg Church, \$15.00; Waterstreet Charge, \$15.00; Martinsburg Charge, \$10.00; Woodcock Valley Charge, \$10.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$10.00; Mont Alto Charge, \$10.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$10.00; Schellsburg Charge, \$10.00; Clover Creek Church, \$10.00; Bedford Church, \$7.50; Dunning's Creek Charge, \$7.50; Everett Charge, \$5.46; Greenfield Charge, \$5.00; Hickory Bottom Charge, \$5.00; Yellow Creek Charge, \$5.00; Huntingdon Charge, \$5.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$5.00; Shippensburg Church, \$5.00; Loudon Charge, \$5.00; McConnellsburg Charge, \$4.60; and Waynesboro Charge, \$1.50. Making \$221.56.

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer	\$ 85 00
<i>Legacy and Interest on Legacies.</i>	
Balance of bequest of Samuel Bussard, late of Friend's Cove, Pa. . .	282 09
Interest on Absalom Rinker's legacy per Treasurer of Virginia Classis .	60 00
" First Mortgage Loan of \$500.00	30 00
" Jacob Stoudenour's legacy per Treasurer of Synod	12 00

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 17th, 1881	786 80
Received from the Maryland Classis	247 72
" " Mercersburg "	221 56
" " Virginia "	85 00
Remainder of bequest of Samuel Bussard	282 09
Interest on Absalom Rinker's legacy	60 00
" First Mortgage Loan of \$500.00	30 00
" Jacob Stoudenour's legacy	12 00
Total Receipts	\$1725 17

Summary of Payments.

Paid for First Mortgage Loan of \$500.00	\$ 484 25
" beneficiary students of Maryland Classis	320 00
" " Mercersburg "	150 00
" " Virginia "	112 50
" for postage, revenue stamps, etc,	1 50
October 10th, 1882. Balance in Treasury	656 92
Total Payments	\$1725 17

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We do hereby certify that we have carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

The foregoing Synopsis and Recapitulation of Receipts and Expenditures are a true and faithful statement of the same. There is a balance in the Treasury, at this time, of \$656.92.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 9th, 1882.

I. G. BROWN, } Committee.
J. HASSLER, }

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present the following annual report:

The organization of the Board remains the same that it was one year ago, with

the exception that Rev. Wm. I. Stewart was duly elected the Secretary of the Board at its first meeting after the adjournment of the last Synod. The Board held two meetings during the past Synodical year, and attended to the interests of the College, carrying out the expressed wishes of the Synod so far as possible.

The educational work of the Institution has gone forward regularly during the year, under the same plan and arrangement reported to the Synod at Waynesboro. The patronage of the College has gradually increased, until upwards of forty pupils are now in attendance. The number of boarding scholars is larger than at any former time, since the re-opening of the College in September of last year. A number of accessions are still expected between now and Christmas.

The students have conducted themselves with marked propriety, and have generally made very commendable progress in their several branches of study, as was quite manifest to the patrons and friends of the Institution at the public examinations held last June, at the end of the scholastic year. At which time a public entertainment, consisting of recitations, essays, orations, and music, furnished by the Institution itself, was given, in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, creditable alike to students and instructors.

Considerable repairs have been made to the property that were absolutely necessary, in the shape of re-painting outside and inside, as well as papering some of the rooms, and new steps in front of the Seminary building. Most of the funds required to meet these repairs and improvements were provided by a festival held at the close of the College year last June, gotten up by the young ladies and gentlemen connected with the College, and by contributions given by friends for the specific purpose.

In a general way, the Board, with gratitude to the Lord, is happy in being able to report to the Synod that Mercersburg College is in a much better condition financially than was the case one year ago, when it was the privilege of the Board to report a marked change in the finances for the better over that of two years ago, when all was gloom and darkness. The creditors have kindly exercised patience and forbearance during the past Synodical year, so that in this particular the Board has had comparatively smooth sailing since our last report to the Synod. Settlements have been effected with a number of the creditors, who were willing to compromise by making very considerable reductions in their claims, which have thus been wiped out. Fully four thousand dollars of the indebtedness, reported to the Synod at Woodstock two years ago, have been cancelled since then, so that the indebtedness of the College is less than eleven thousand dollars, all told, at the present time.

Your Board gratefully accepts the aid promised by the Synod of Waynesboro, of three hundred dollars annually for five years, towards meeting the interest upon the indebtedness of the Institution, and hereby also acknowledges the payment, during the summer, of the first installment thereof by Synod's Treasurer.

In conclusion, the Board respectfully requests the patronage and hearty co-operation of the ministry and membership of the Church, especially within our Synodical bounds, in carrying forward the work of Christian education at Mercersburg, and thus to utilize the valuable buildings placed there, almost half a century ago, by the prayers and pious efforts of devout Christians.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following is the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, as furnished by the Secretary of the Board, which was referred to the Standing Committee of Education, after having been first read, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The undersigned respectfully presents the following as the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the Seminary year, three in number: Theodore Funk, Calvin B. Heller, and

Lewis Reiter. The two latter are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Funk had received his training in a gymnasium before he came to this country from Germany. Mr. Reiter, after remaining a short time in the Seminary, embraced what he considered a good opportunity to teach school for a year. He thought in this way he might accumulate funds, so as to complete his studies hereafter with less assistance from the Church.

The members of the Senior Class, five in number, having completed the prescribed course of study in the Seminary, and having sustained a creditable examination in the presence of the Board, received the usual testimonial, setting forth these facts, at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Wilson D. Donat, George W. Kerschner, James R. Lewis, Jacob J. Rothrock, and Christian W. Summey.

With one exception they have all found places in the Master's vineyard, mostly in missionary fields, and are now occupying posts of usefulness in the ministry.

Of the Middle Class, twelve in all, three were absent from the Seminary during the year, for reasons that were deemed satisfactory to the Faculty and the Board. All the rest of the students in attendance, sixteen in number, pursued their studies without interruption during the year. Their Christian conduct and their progress in their studies were good, and their examinations satisfactory.

As the number of students in the Seminary was considerably smaller than during previous years, the Board requested the Secretary to direct the attention of the different Synods to the subject in his annual report. The decrease referred to is owing to various causes, but mostly to some general cause which has been operating in the different churches of this country, as their seminaries have the same experience to report as our own. A few years ago it was our pleasure to report that the supply of ministers was nearly or quite equal to the demand. This, however, is not the case at the present time. Nearly all the ministers in this part of our Church, who have health and strength, are engaged in the active duties of the ministry; but there are vacant charges and missionary fields which cannot be supplied without calling ministers from other fields where they are usefully occupied. The Board, therefore, urges the Synods to adopt measures which will tend to induce a larger number of the young men of the Church to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and to urge them to enter upon a thorough preparation for such a high and holy calling. Unless this is done now, the prospects are that the progress of the Church, especially in its missionary work, in the next ten years, will be seriously retarded. Never before had we better openings for the extension of our borders than at the present time; but as God works by human agents and instrumentalities, so He calls upon us to devise means by which we may enlarge the place of our tent, to lengthen our cords, and to strengthen our stakes.

The following minute in regard to the death of the Rev. Dr. Fisher was adopted by the Board at its last meeting, ordered to be entered on its minutes, and embodied in the annual report, to wit:

It is with deep and sincere sorrow that this Board records the death of the Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., who for forty-two consecutive years was a most faithful and efficient member of this body. His noble and large-hearted charity, his apostolic spirit, and especially his devotion to the institutions of learning and the benevolent operations of the Reformed Church, will be cherished as a precious memorial of his untiring fidelity to the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

October 13th, 1882.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF THE TREASURER.

The following reports were received from the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and, after having been read, were referred to the Standing Committee on Education, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully reports:

The Board met in its usual spring and autumn meetings. At its May meeting

it organized by electing D. W. Gross, *President*; G. W. Hensel, *Vice-President*; Edw. J. Zahm, *Secretary*; and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

At this same meeting it took up the action of the Synods in reference to the financial condition of the Seminary, and concluded to send out circulars to many pastors in the three Synods interested in the support of the Seminary, and as far as practicable to every Classis. This matter was attended to by our Executive Committee, but we regret to state that the responses have been very few. One Classis (Westmoreland) has responded through its Treasurer, sending \$77.35 from nine congregations. One congregation in the West Susquehanna Classis, and one congregation in the Philadelphia Classis, have sent sums aggregating \$30.56. We have heard from a few other congregations promising collections, and we trust that the Synods may endorse our action and urge such Classes and congregations, as have not yet taken action, to give us the benefit of one collection as promptly as possible.

The Synods will see by the report of our Treasurer, that the deficit in the income of the Seminary still continues, and hence the continued need of effort for its relief. This state of things will not be remedied until our endowment is increased. We have this in prospect, but it is not yet available; and it would be wise for the Church, through the Synods, to do all in its power to make good this deficiency, so that our endowment may not be impaired.

The Synod of the Potomac, at its meeting in 1881, voted \$100.00 as its *pro rata* toward the deficiency in the income of the Seminary. This we regard as a proper plan; *provided*, the money be forthcoming. As yet nothing has been paid on this assumption, but we suppose it will be at the coming meeting of the Synod.

We also call the attention of the Synods to the expenses of the Board in meeting, and in the transaction of its business. The Board is composed of eighteen members, nine of them from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, six from the Synod of the Potomac, and three from the Synod of Pittsburgh. It is often difficult to get enough members together for a quorum, and we are satisfied that one reason is the expense attending the travelling to and from the meetings. We suggest that the members from the different Synods, who may attend the meetings of our Board, be directed to present to their respective Synods their bills of expenses incurred in attendance at the meetings, and that the Synods make the necessary provision to meet said expenses.

In reference to the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., your Board recommends that the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, with the concurrence of the Synod of Pittsburgh, transfer by deed the entire property to the Synod of the Potomac, with such reservations as may be proper in the judgment of the Synods, to prevent future friction or conflict between the Synods in the matter of theological seminaries.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary*.

Lancaster, Pa., September 28th, 1882.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT, AS FURNISHED.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*, in account with the *Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States*.

September 22, 1882. Former amount of Principal of Endowment

reported to the Board	\$69,349 76
-----------------------	-------------

\$4,000 of this amount yields no interest.

DR.

Sept. 28, 1882. For sundry interests received by Treasurer from

Oct. 1, 1881, to Sept. 28, 1882	\$3,963 54
---------------------------------	------------

CR.

Oct. 1, 1881. By balance due Treasurer	\$1,435 67
--	------------

Sept. 28, 1882. By sundry expenditures to date, as per vouchers	4,711 13
---	----------

\$6,146 80

Amount Dr. brought down	3,963 54
-------------------------	----------

Sept. 28, 1882. Balance due Treasurer	\$2,183 26
---------------------------------------	------------

<i>Library Fund.</i>		
Principal of Library Fund	Dr.	\$2,069 96
Oct. 1, 1881. For amount due by Treasurer		\$129 88
Sept. 28, 1881. For sundry interest received to date		64 73
	Cr.	194 58
Sept. 28, 1882. By sundry bills paid, as per vouchers		122 55
Sept. 28, 1882. Balance in hands of Treasurer		72 03
<i>Smaltz Fund.</i>		
Principal of Smaltz Fund	Dr.	\$5,000 00
Sept. 28, 1882. For interest received		\$150 00
Sept. 28, 1882. By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.		150 00
<i>Building Fund.</i>		
Sept. 28, 1882. Principal of Building Fund		\$12,793 05
<i>Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.</i>		
Sept. 28, 1882. Amount of Pittsburgh Professorship Fund		\$1,718 30

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find them correct I. H. KEEFER. } Committee.
Lancaster, Pa. September 28th, 1882. ISRAEL LAUCKS. }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the forgoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon. The report was received and considered item by item, amended, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Education had placed in its hands the Reports of the Board of Education, of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Education and the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, both call special attention to the fact, that the number of students preparing for the ministry is inadequate to the growing wants of the Church. At the present rate of supply our mission work will be seriously hindered. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby call the special attention of our Pastors and consistory to this want, and urge upon them the importance of seeking out and thoroughly educating young men of approved piety and talent for the ministry.

Resolved, That we commend anew to our people the cause of Beneficiary Education, and urge the raising of funds to carry forward this work.

Resolved, That the Synod has learned with pleasure of the payment of \$582.09, the bequest of Samuel Bussard of Friend's Cove, Bedford Co., Pa., and we hereby endorse the action of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, in investing most of said money in a first mortgage loan.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary announces the fact, that their circular appeal for collections brought to their treasury but partial relief, and that of the \$100.00 assumed by this Synod as yet nothing has come into their treasury. It further appears that there will be an annual deficiency, at the present rate of interest, until such time as the endowment may be increased. Therefore,

Resolved, That the several Classes be urged to promptly pay the amounts apportioned upon them, last year.

Resolved, That this Synod assumes \$100.00 of the deficiency of the present year, and that this sum be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, That the attention of the several pastoral charges and the men of means within our Synod be called to this deficiency in the revenue of the Theological Seminary, in the hope, that they may be moved to place this School of the Prophets above pecuniary need.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby assumes to pay, as part of its annual contingent expenses, the necessary travelling expenses of its members of the Boards of Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the members of the Board of Education, and of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, in attending upon the sessions of the respective Boards to which they belong.

Resolved, That this Synod is willing to accept the proposed transfer of the Seminary Property at Mercersburg, if it should please the other Synods to agree to the proposition, upon terms mutually satisfactory to all.

Resolved, further, That we are gratified to learn, through the Report of the Board of Regents, of the encouraging number of students now at Mercersburg College, of the repairs and improvements made to the buildings without entailing a debt, of the material reduction of the liabilities, during the year, and of the hopeful outlook for the future.

Resolved, That the \$300.00, assumed to be paid annually, for five years, toward the interest of the debt, be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, That we hereby commend the College to the patronage of the ministers and members of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The present members from this Synod of the Boards of Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary were continued, and accordingly the following persons are the members of said Boards from this Synod, to wit: *Board of Visitors*, Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach, and W. R. H. Deatrich; *Board of Trustees*, Elders L. Markell, H. Wirt, I. Laucks, H. M. Cocklin, I. H. Keefer, and A. B. Wingerd. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, then in session in Bellefonte, Pa., of their continuance as such.

On motion it was ordered that the Synod hereafter annually make nominations for the three members of the Board of Visitors and the six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to which the Synod of the Potomac is entitled in those Boards.

¶ The resignation of Isaac H. Keefer as a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College was accepted, and the Standing Committee on Nominations was instructed to make the necessary nominations to fill the vacancy.

At the election for members of the different Boards of Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. Goodrich, A. J. Heller, and Elder J. Heyser were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years. At the same time, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., A. R. Schnebly, and M. A. Foltz were chosen as members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the term of three years, and G. Clever, Sr., for one year.

The following individuals constitute the Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally at the present time, to wit:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. Goodrich,	.	.	.	3 years,	.	.	.	October,	1885.
Rev. A. J. Heller,	.	.	.	3 "	.	.	.	"	1885.
Elder J. Heyser,	.	.	.	3 "	.	.	.	"	1885.
Rev. I. G. Brown,	.	.	.	2 "	.	.	.	"	1884.
Rev. Wm. C. Cremer,	.	.	.	2 "	.	.	.	"	1884.
Rev. S. S. Miller,	.	.	.	2 "	.	.	.	"	1884.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—*Continued.*

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick . . .	1 year,	October, 1883.
Rev. J. S. Kieffer, . . .	1 “	“ 1883.
Rev. J. W. Santee, . . .	1 “	“ 1883.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

E. J. Bonbrake, Esq . . .	3 years,	October, 1885
A. R. Schnebly, . . .	3 “	“ 1885
M. A. Foltz, . . .	3 “	“ 1885
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick . . .	2 “	“ 1884
Rev. Wm. Goodrich, . . .	2 “	“ 1884
Rev. Wm. I. Stewart, . . .	2 “	“ 1884
Rev. A. J. Heller, . . .	1 “	“ 1883
Rev. J. Hassler, . . .	1 “	“ 1883
George Clever, Sr., . . .	1 “	“ 1883

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were presented to the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions was laid before the Synod, and referred to the same Committee, without having been read. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, a letter from the Treasurer of the Iowa Classis, and certain resolutions from the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions were received, read, and then referred to the same Committee for consideration. This Committee reported, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was ordered to be taken up item by item for adoption; this report was amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. These several reports are as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the Annual Reports of the Superintendent of Missions and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions. They need no comments from us; they speak for themselves. We only ask that, through you, this cause of the Master may receive enlarged sympathy and support from our pastors and their congregations.

Yours in the Gospel,

WM. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable body his Fifth Annual Report of the progress and condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 86. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$32.67. Local objects, \$600. Original cost of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness (on lot) \$1,100. Reduction of indebtedness, \$225. Under the Board six years. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, the same. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Salem's Church, Catsauqua.—Under the Board eight years. Members, 179. Last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 225. Last year, 150. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 43. Benevolence, \$53. Local objects, \$1,080. Estimated value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,600; but a plan has been in operation to reduce the debt, and \$400 had by this means accumulated in the treasury at the end of the year, which amount by this time has been used for the purpose intended. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, the same. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

St. John's Church, Reading.—Members, 450; last year, 350. S. S. scholars, 444; last year, 400. Baptisms, 68. Additions, 88. Benevolence, \$280. Local objects, \$2,200, including \$500, paid to reduce the indebtedness, for which the members are accustomed to make monthly contributions. Cost of property, including parsonage, \$22,000, but worth more at present. Under the Board ten years. Under the present pastor seven years. The indebtedness, which has hitherto prevented the mission from being self-supporting, is diminishing from year to year. Services well attended both German and English. Appropriation, last year, \$200; this year, \$100. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

Birdsboro' Mission.—This mission, supplied for several years past by Pastors Steinmetz and Davis, of Reading, was served by licentiate, G. M. Zacharias, for several months during the winter, under the direction of the Board. Mr. Z. then withdrew, and arrangements were made by the Classis to connect it with other congregations in the neighborhood, so as to make it a self-sustaining charge. This, however, has not as yet been carried out, and the mission remains vacant. The congregation at Birdsboro' have quite recently dedicated their new church, 35 by 50 feet, at a cost of \$2,350. Some indebtedness. Appropriation last year, \$200. Vacant.

St. John's Church, West Philadelphia.—This mission, after being vacant for five months, was again supplied with a pastor on the 1st of February last, since which time it has been doing well. As it was supplied by the Superintendent and others whilst it was vacant, its interests did not materially suffer, and when the Board succeeded in supplying it with a pastor, the members received him gladly and cheerfully united with him in working for the peace and prosperity of Zion. Members, 58. S. S. scholars, 85. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Losses, 11. Church papers, 4 copies. Benevolence, \$16.58. Local objects, \$372. Cost of property, about \$7,000, but it is not worth that much at present. Indebtedness, \$2,400. An Aid Society raised \$35 in seven months to assist in paying the interest on the indebtedness. It is thought that the location of the church building, and its somewhat uninviting appearance, are a barrier to the progress of the mission, and it is hoped that the way may be open before very long for the removal of this difficulty. Appropriation, last year, \$500; this year, the same. Pastor, J. P. Stein.

Grace Church, Philadelphia.—During the year this mission was successful in putting up a new church, in which, although still unfinished, it has been worshipping for the last three or four months. In other respects it had also been making a commendable degree of progress, until, during the summer its pastor, Rev. J. Saml. Vandersloot, found it necessary, on account of his failing health, to withdraw from the field, at the end of his first year's labor. Some loss has been incurred in this way, but it is hoped that it will in the end be overruled for good. After the withdrawal of the pastor, the Board immediately took steps to supply the mission with a suitable pastor, but in this they have up to this date been unsuccessful. Members, 52; at its organization, about one year ago, 26. S. S. scholars, 144. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 27. Benevolence, \$25. Cost of church building when completed about \$1,800. Amount thus far paid, \$1,141.17. Amount needed to finish the church over \$200. Debt on the church at present, \$649.52. Other indebtedness about \$150. Mortgage on the ground, \$3,000. A Mite Society has been active in raising money to pay the semi-annual interest on the mortgage. "The Little Gleaners," a society, after raising \$40 for furnishing the pulpit, now co-operates with a missionary society lately organized. Appropriation last year, \$500. Vacant.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 115. S. S. scholars, 285. Baptisms, 11. Additions, 12, of which 11 were heads of families. Benevolence, \$112. Local objects, \$671.30. Original cost of property, \$6,000. Present value, considerably greater. Church papers are patronized. Some 50 or 60 members in the mission.

ary society. The mission is growing in numbers and liberality, but it suffers from removals, which prevent it from making any rapid advance towards self-support. There is some prospect that it may hereafter be strengthened by the establishment of a new mission at Steelton, in the vicinity. It would be an important step towards becoming self-sustaining, if it could erect a parsonage in a vacant lot, which it owns in the rear of the Church. It has been a mission for about eighteen years. Appropriation, last year, \$250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 85. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptized, 7. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$142. Local objects, \$491. Value of church property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,100. Some German papers circulated. No Missionary Society, but a Ladies' Society, composed of 27 members, collects funds and makes contributions for the aid of the church. The mission is making a gradual progress spiritually and financially, and, if not disturbed by changes in pastoral relations, as it was too much in the past, it has the prospect now of becoming a well-established Christian congregation. The present pastor took charge of the mission about one year ago, and since then he has been laboring efficiently and with much satisfaction to his people. His services are exclusively German. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, H. A. Friedel.

Columbia.—Members, 180. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 28. S. S. scholars, 200. Benevolence, \$88.50. Local objects, \$2,563.40. Value of property, \$11,000. Indebtedness, provided for last year, \$1,663.40, was all paid up during the year. Services well attended, and a good spirit pervades the congregation. Thus, after many years of struggle and conflict, this congregation has gradually been growing, and has come to stand on a good and permanent foundation. Under God its success and prosperity have been the result of the aid and encouragement of the church at large. After the 1st of January next it expects to be self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$150. No further appropriation. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkes-Barre Mission.—Two congregations, one at Wilkes-Barre and the other at Nanticoke. Members, 487; last year, 432. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 70. Additions, 70. Benevolence, \$60. Local objects, about \$724. Cost of property, \$13,000. Debt, \$1,400. Reduction, \$200, with prospects of a further reduction at an early day. The new church at Nanticoke is to be dedicated on the 24th of September, with little or no debt. Dimensions, 36 by 65 feet. Members at Nanticoke, 135. The mission at Plymouth, which grew out of the mission at Wilkes-Barre, have recently put up a new church building. It is doing well under pastor, Rev. S. C. Meekel, who as he receives an appropriation from Classis, will hereafter be enabled to devote his whole time to the interests of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$225; this year, \$175. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven Mission.—Two congregations. Members, 153; last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 130. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$37. Local objects, \$525. Cost of property, \$2,200, but worth much more at present. Indebtedness, including repairs, \$1,000. As soon as present indebtedness is paid off the mission will be in a fair way of becoming self-sustaining. The present pastor has been in the field five years, during which the mission has increased largely in membership; a church was purchased for \$2,200, and repaired for \$600, the Classis of West Susquehanna, paying \$1,100 for the purchase of the building. 75 members have been added to the church, and the Sunday School has more than doubled the number of its scholars. The mission has good prospects. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

English Mission at Williamsport.—During the past year the congregation was divided so as to form two, one German and the other English. The German portion retain the old church, assume the debt, expect to support their own pastor, and pledge themselves for \$1,500 to assist the English brethren in the erection of a new church. The latter, not being able to support a pastor, have been taken under the care of the Board as a mission, and, by the recommendation of Classis, have been promised an appropriation. They are at present seeking to secure for themselves a pastor. With what they receive from the old congregation, and the promise of a \$1,000 from the Classis, they expect to go forward and erect for themselves a new church during the coming year. Appropriation, \$300. Vacant.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—This congregation was organized on the 17th of May last, and constituted a mission by the Classis of East Pennsylvania. It was then placed under the Board, and the Rev. G. W. Kerschner commissioned to take charge of its interests. It commenced with 35 members, but as there is a considerable amount of Reformed material in the town and neighborhood, it has encouraging prospects of increase in the future. Thus far Mr. K. has been holding his services in the court-house with good audiences, especially in the evening; but the further success of the mission depends on its having a house of worship of its own, and, accordingly, steps will be taken at as early a day as possible to put up a suitable church building. Had a congregation been organized in Stroudsburg twenty years ago, we might now have a flourishing church in that place. But it is never too late to do good, and as Providence seems so manifestly to have led to the establishment of this new congregation where it was much needed, we may hope He will bless it, and possibly enable us to make up for lost time and lost opportunities. Mr. K. seems to be well adapted for the situation he has been called to fill, and to be appreciated in the community for whose spiritual interests he is laboring. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—Two congregations. Members, 111. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 19. Erasures, 14. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$1,290.71. Value of property at East Liberty, \$5,000; at Wilkinsburg, \$3,500. Debt on the former, \$350; on the latter, \$1,500. These missions are both overcoming the financial difficulties of former years, and a general feeling of hopefulness and encouragement pervades the members. We may now hope that a prosperous career in the future may be the answer to their faith and prayers. Appropriation last year, \$550; this year, \$500. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co. This mission was supplied with a pastor on the 1st of April last, and seems to have rallied again from the loss it sustained in being without a pastor for more than six months. Three congregations. Under the Board six years. Members, as far as ascertained, 92. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 3. S. S. scholars, 82. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$350. Value of church property, \$1,500. The congregation, hitherto worshipping in a school-house have commenced the building of a new church near the town of Shirleysburg, which will be ready for dedication before the winter sets in. This mission requires a parsonage, without which it will be difficult for it for some time to come, to give its pastor an adequate support. The attendance on the means of grace is good, and the missionary feels encouraged to believe that with the blessing of God he will succeed in building up the charge. Appropriation, as requested by Classis, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Reiter.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co.—This field was without a pastor for eight months, when one was secured who entered upon his duties on the 1st of April last. It consists of three congregations. Members, 155. Three S. Schools. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Value of property about \$4,000. Debt, \$40, which is soon to be paid. One of the churches being uncomfortable in cold weather, the erection of a new one is agitated. Under the Board as a mission since 1873. Four catechetical classes, at the present time, numbering 40 catechumens, the greater part of whom expect to be confirmed during the coming spring. The work of grace is reviving in the hearts of the people, and the labors of the pastor are appreciated. In a year or so, this mission should become self-sustaining. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Duncannon.—Vacant during the greater part of the year, but supplied with a pastor a short time ago. Two congregations, one at Duncannon, and the other at Marysville. The congregation at Dellville was abandoned several years ago, but the missionary is at present endeavoring to resuscitate it. Members, 120. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 6. Contributions for local and benevolent objects, \$70. Former appropriation, \$225. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. R. Lewis.

Shenandoah.—Members, 250. S. S. scholars, 250. Baptisms, 50. Additions, 20. Contributions to local and benevolent objects, \$500. Cost of property, \$5000. Indebtedness, \$1,000. Reduction during past year, \$500. Under the Board, five years. The mission will probably become self-sustaining in the course of a year or two. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—Members, 77. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms,

14. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$31. Local objects, \$456. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. Church papers, 102. Under the Board two and a half years. The mission is making encouraging progress, in the way of inward as well as outward growth. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 220. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$22.90. Local objects, 275. Original cost of the church, \$2,100, which with the lot makes the present value, \$2,800. No debt. A balance on the heater debt—\$43, was paid during the year. Church periodicals of all kinds, 252. The Harbaugh Missionary Society with 40 members collects about \$15 per annum. Organized as a mission $3\frac{1}{2}$ years ago. Under present pastor two years. After he has practiced the most rigid economy, his support has been inadequate. Recently he received an overture from the Faculty of F. M. College, to teach one hour per day in the college, and to take charge of Harbaugh Hall, these duties to be discharged in connection with the pastorate of the mission. As this arrangement is likely to prove mutually beneficial, it is hoped that the state of his health will allow him to accept of this offer. Appropriation last year, \$300. The fixing of the appropriation for the coming year referred to the Executive Council. Pastor, W. F. Liehliter.

Overton, Bradford Co.—Vacant for some time, but again supplied with a pastor, since last January. Since then the mission has shown signs of new life and activity. The congregation at Overton is putting up a new church, and the one at Dushore, which has been worshipping in an old church belonging to another denomination, expect to erect a church for themselves at no distant day. The Elkland congregation has a church of its own. There are out-lying regions, where the missionary expects to labor as opportunities present themselves, and it is believed that in this way the mission may be strengthened and new missions started. Three congregations. Members, 160. S. S. scholars over 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 1, with the prospect of a large increase during the coming year. Benevolence, \$12.71. Local objects, \$330. Value of property, \$1,000. No debt. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Mutschler.

Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.—Two congregations. Members, 134. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$40. Local objects, \$575. Value of property, \$9,500. Indebtedness, \$1,850. Reduction, \$200. An effort has recently been made to liquidate this debt, which it is believed will be crowned with success within two years. Under the Board four years. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—No report. This mission has secured a regular pastor and expects to become self-supporting hereafter.

New Castle.—Members, 49. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 1. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$14. Local objects, \$450. The new church was dedicated in July. Its cost was \$3,669, on which \$2,500 have been paid, collected by the pastor in the mission, in the town and neighboring congregations. The remaining indebtedness is \$1,050, for which \$600 have been provided in the way of subscriptions, most of which will be paid at no distant day. Since the dedication of the new church, the audiences on Sunday have very much improved. A case, however, of what seemed to be necessary discipline has disturbed the congregation, and interfered with the usefulness of the pastor. This is unfortunate, as the pastor has shown much energy and manifested a true spirit of self-sacrifice, and in view of his valuable services deserves the sympathy and support of all the members of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year the same. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Marietta.—Two congregations. One at Maytown and the other at Marietta. Members, 157. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$30.50. Local objects, \$518. Cost of property at Maytown, \$3,000. The church at Marietta is owned by different denominations. Some church papers are circulated, and a missionary society is about to be organized. Attendance good. Liberty only partially developed in the charge as a whole, and the pastor is inadequately supported. German services are held every two weeks at Marietta, under the direction of a committee of Lancaster Classis, of which Dr. E. V. Gerhart is chairman. By this means a number of foreign Germans have been added to the

church, and the prospect now is that the congregation will be materially strengthened from this source in the future. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$75. Pastor, G. B. Resser.

Tionesta, Forest Co.—This is a new mission, supplied with its first pastor during the past year. Three congregations. Members, 50. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 2. Benevolence, \$32. Local objects, \$152.25. Two church edifices, one of which is union. No indebtedness. The missionary reports difficulties in his field, which he thinks may be surmounted, and he is hopeful. The field is large, and there is an opening for the establishment of a number of preaching places, and the organization of new congregations in the future. The ground is well selected for the missionary activity of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year the same. Pastor, D. G. Klein.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—This mission was organized about two years ago, but it was without a pastor until last February, when Rev. D. H. Leader took charge of it, by appointment of the Board. Since that time the members have been working earnestly with their pastor, and the mission has been advancing towards permanency. The congregation at Dubois expect to erect a church at no distant day. A new congregation has been organized at Boon's Mountain, with the prospect of rapid growth, including the erection of a church during the coming year. A similar movement is on foot to build a new church at another point in the country, where the missionary has been preaching. Members, 47. S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 22. Benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$500. Church property two acres of ground worth \$100. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year the same. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.—This mission was formally taken under the care of the Board during the past year. It was served for the first six months by the Rev. Joshua Wolbach, but on account of its prevalingly German character, he withdrew, and since then—about four months—it has been served by the Rev. Mr. Siegel, who reports that its prospects are encouraging. Members, 30. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 8. Contributions for local objects, \$200, and a small amount for benevolence. Cost of property, \$400, but it is worth twice that much at present. Indebtedness, \$250. No Sunday-schools have as yet been established, but the pastor himself gives the children religious instruction on the Lord's Day in two classes, the one in the German and the other in the English language. The Pastor found it necessary to reside at Philipsburgh, Centre Co., where he thinks he will be able to organize a congregation at no distant day. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year the same. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel.

Meyersdale, Somerset Co.—This charge became a mission in consequence of the division of the Meyersdale charge, which took effect a little more than a year ago. It was believed that with the help of the Board in the course of a year or so, two self-supporting charges could be formed. Congregations, 2. Members, 306. S. S. Scholars, 130. Baptisms, 34. Additions, 57. Benevolence, \$230. Congregational purposes, \$762. Church property worth, \$3,000. Indebtedness, \$1200. Some reduction during the year. Church papers, 316. A Missionary Society recently organized now numbers 25 members. The services on Sunday and during the week are well attended. An effort is in progress to pay off remaining indebtedness, which it is thought will be accomplished during the next year. The strikes among the laborers have operated against the financial progress of the mission during the past year. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Will's Creek Mission, Somerset Co.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since last October. It consists of four congregations, White Oak, Mount Lebanon, Fair Hope, and Hyndman. All of the congregations have church-buildings, except Fair Hope. A new church at Hyndman was erected and dedicated during the past year, at a cost of \$1700. Members, 195. S. S. scholars, 155. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 7. Benevolence, \$116. Local objects, \$842. Value of church property, \$4500, including interest in a union church. Indebtedness, \$450. The mission is a new charge, formed by the division of the Meyersdale charge. The results show the propriety of the change. The prospects are that the mission will become self-sustaining in a few years. The field is an interesting one, and offers favorable openings for missionary work. It is also a difficult one to cultivate as the congregations are widely separated, and the

pastor is often exposed to the inclemency of the seasons; but he has been successful in giving them a new impulse, and in bringing them nearer together in spirit. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$140. Pastor S. T. Wagner.

Trinity Mission, Scottdale, Westmoreland Co.—This congregation was constituted a mission by the Classis of Westmoreland, and supplied with a pastor on the 1st of June last. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 3. Benevolence, \$1.62. Amount of salary promised, \$350. Value of church property, \$4450. Present indebtedness, \$545. Reduction, \$710. Church papers, 10. Attendance good, and spiritual progress encouraging. The mission is preparing to renovate its church and to erect for itself a parsonage. With some assistance from the Board, the mission has good prospects of becoming self-sustaining in the course of a few years. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, A. W. J. Best.

McKeesport.—Recently a new mission was formed, comprising Braddock, Turtle Creek, and McKeesport as preaching places, and the Rev. H. D. Darbaker placed over it as missionary. Prospect thus far encouraging. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Congregations, 2. Members, 110. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 6. Losses, 10. Benevolence, \$50. Local objects, \$450. The mission has a valuable church building, a good parsonage, on the latter there is an indebtedness of about \$500, on which \$50 have been paid during the year. This mission has been a long time under the care of the Board, and the pastor expresses his regrets that difficulties beyond his control stand still in the way of its progress towards becoming self-supporting. He thinks that it will be best to build up chapels in the neighboring country, thus strengthening the charge and saving to the church those members who cannot be reached in any other way. At present he is preaching at a point about eight miles from the city, and at that place a chapel is to be erected during the coming year. If this succeeds, other points will receive attention. This course meets with the approbation of the Board. Appropriation last year \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, A. R. Kremer.

Middlebrook, Augusta Co.—During the past year the Middlebrook charge was divided, as referred to in our last report. Both divisions were declared missions, and placed under the Board with appropriations, which it is thought will be needed not more than a few years at most. The mission at Mint Spring was connected with St. John's Church, so as to form one charge, whilst the congregations at Middlebrook and Newport remained to form another. The congregation at Middlebrook purchased an unfinished church belonging to another denomination, completed it, and dedicated it to the worship of God as a Reformed Church. This was a judicious movement, and the result shows that it has gone very far to strengthen the interests of the church in that part of the Classis. Members in this mission, 68. S. S. scholars, 165. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 3. Church property worth, \$2500. Indebtedness, \$300, under the Board since June last. It has much material which it may gather into the church, outlook encouraging. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore.

Mint Spring Mission.—Constituted a mission during the year. Supplied at present by a committee of Classis. St. John's Church has a membership of 100 members. Trinity Church at Mint Spring has a church building, but no organized congregation. One, however, will be organized as soon as a pastor can be secured. Church property owned by the mission is worth between four and five thousand dollars. The mission may hereafter be strengthened by establishing preaching points in the surrounding regions. Two Sunday-schools. Appropriation, \$150. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.—Members, 100. S. S. scholars, 76. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 18. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$385. Value of property, \$2200. No indebtedness. Church papers, 26. Under the Board, 13 years. The mission has good prospects of being strengthened by the tide of foreign emigration flowing into the State. When the members become better established in their business interests, they will cheerfully withdraw from the shelter of the Board

and provide for themselves. The present fruitful season has been an advantage to the mission, and its prospects are more hopeful than last year when there was a failure in the crops. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year the same. Pastor, N. J. Miller.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 20. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$700. Cost of property, \$6500. Indebtedness \$2250. No reduction. Church papers, 58. A Female and a Youth's Society make monthly contributions for the benefit of the church. The unfortunate strike among the miners compelled some 40 members to remove temporarily from their homes and seek employment elsewhere. Losses by deaths, and removals, 10. Under present pastor eight years. The debt and the strikes have operated unfavorably upon the mission, but the attendance on the means of grace has been good. The pastor attends to the wants of the young who are becoming English, and an English congregation is growing up in the bosom of the mother church. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—Three congregations, one at Ridgely, one near Easton in Talbot Co., and a third in Queen Ann Co. Members, 68. Losses by removals, 10. S. S. Scholars, 40. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 5. Church papers, 12. Benevolence, \$3.58. The new church at Ridgely was dedicated last spring. Its cost was about \$2000, with little or no indebtedness resting on it. The mission has been under the Board between three and four years. It is a matter of regret that the congregation at Ridgely has failed during this period of time to raise the salary for the pastor, which was expected when he became its missionary. The deficiency has partly been made up by the gifts and contributions of other churches, and partly by the manual labor of the missionary himself. To some extent his health has failed in consequence of exposure and hard work, and he thinks it would be best if the Board would assign him another field of usefulness. Appropriation last year, \$320. This year, ——. Pastor, J. H. Hannabery.

East Baltimore.—The establishment of a mission in the eastern section of the city of Baltimore, referred to in our last annual report, has made some, although not much progress during the year. An examination has been made for the location of a chapel, the Classis of Maryland have promised to assist in its erection to the amount of \$1000, and our conclusion, based on inquiries made, is that \$2000 more can be secured for this object in the churches of Baltimore—provided there is no further delay in initiating a movement to begin some actual work. Vacant.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—As this mission seemed to be making slow progress, and had suffered some losses, our missionary, Mr. Gurley, by advice of his brethren and the approbation of the Board accepted of a position in Catawba College as one of its professors, retaining, however, his connection with the mission by supplying it himself or getting some one else to take his place. In addition, he supplied the East Rowan charge during the summer, after its pastor had resigned, preached, made pastoral visitations and catechized the youth. Under all the circumstances of the case, it has been thought best that Concord should be connected with the Central Rowan charge, and give its pastor a small appropriation. Mr. Gurley will then withdraw from this field at the end of this year—the 1st of November, and will need no further support. Appropriation \$250. This year, \$50. Pastor, G. D. Gurley.

Lincolnton, Cabarrus Co.—Our interest at this place remains about the same as it was one year ago. The attendance at divine worship—once a month—is good and some additions have been made to the church. It deserves the attention of the Board—at least until some arrangement can be made by which it may be connected with other points, so as to strengthen it and make it self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$50. This year the same. Pastor, J. A. Foil.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grace Church, Washington.—Members, 62. S. S. scholars, 48. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$5. Local objects, \$500. Cost of chapel, \$4700. Of ground, \$3240. Present value, \$10,000. The indebtedness, about \$2200, has been

assumed by friends of the mission, with the understanding that it is to be paid hereafter by the assessments made by the Classis, for the erection of the chapel. As, however, interest must be paid on the notes as they are renewed from time to time, it is a matter of great importance that the congregations, which have not as yet paid their apportionments for the Washington Chapel, should do so with the least possible delay. In this way much interest may be saved, and the money be devoted for other useful purposes. The mission itself pays no interest, and so it may be said to be practically without any debt. As already announced in the papers of the church, the new chapel was dedicated to the worship of God on the last Sunday in April. It is a neat and attractive structure, in an eligible part of the city, and the Board congratulates the church in view of the success which has crowned its efforts to establish a Christian Church in the National Capital. A good beginning has been made in the structure which has been erected to serve for a time for the wants of the mission; but as the congregation grows and its wants increase, a larger and more imposing building will be needed, for which there is ample room on the lot of ground on which the present house stands. The building up of a distinctly Reformed Church in such a place as Washington is encumbered with difficulties of a peculiar kind; but with the continuance of the divine blessing, which has thus far rested on this undertaking, we may hope that the vine here planted will grow and be abundantly fruitful in future years. Since the mission has been permitted to worship in a home of its own, it has received a new impulse, and both pastor and people, thankful for what God has done for them thus far, have experienced a new inspiration to go forward with the work committed to their hands. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Mission.—Under the care of the Board of the Eastern German Synod, but assisted in part by this Board. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms, 105. Additions, 25. Benevolence, \$100. Local objects, \$700. Original cost of property, \$4,000. Present value, \$5,000. Indebtedness, \$100. Reduction, \$700. Church papers, 110. Contributions of Missionary Society, \$100. Members in the Missionary Society, 40. Attendance about 100. Quarterly rental on leased ground, \$112. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$1 0. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Church, Emporia.—During the past year this mission was unfortunate in losing its pastor, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, who on account of his health and inadequate support, felt compelled to withdraw from the field. Since then it has been vacant, and its interests as a matter of course have suffered. During the month of July the Rev. D. B. Shuey, under the direction of the Board, visited the mission, administered the communion, and by personal intercourse sought to encourage the members. With his consent he was elected pastor of the congregation, and the Board then tendered him the appointment of missionary to Emporia and of superintendent of our missionary interest in Kansas, which he has accepted. He expects to enter upon his duties in his appointed field of labor by the 1st of November. In the mean time he expects to collect as much money as he can for the purpose of erecting a parsonage and paying off the debt of the church at Emporia. The interest and success of the mission require the adoption of measures of this kind, and it is hoped that Mr. Shuey will meet with encouragement and support in this object, wherever he makes application. Both he and his work commend themselves to the generous liberality of our churches. His visit and the arrangement of the Board have had a happy effect upon the mission in the way of encouragement and hope, and the membership now show a willingness to make a new start and to do what they can. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, D. B. Shuey.

MISSOURI.

Turkio Mission.—The Rev. L. M. Hensell, who was commissioned to labor as missionary in Kansas a year ago, visited various points and preached as opportunities presented themselves. In travelling from place to place he exposed him-

self a great deal, so that during the winter, becoming physically disabled, he asked to be relieved from further service under the Board. This request was granted.

NEBRASKA.

Aurora.—During the past year our missionary, Mr. Erb, has done a large amount of work in the way of exploration. He reports that he finds Reformed people in all parts of the State, but so scattered that it becomes difficult to find them near enough to each other to form them into organizations. He now has six places at which he preaches once or twice a month, of which the farthest off from his home in Athora is 80 miles. During the fall and winter he expects to fill appointments during the week time. He continues to preach at Aurora, where we have members but as yet no organization. At York, where he preaches once a month, he expects to organize a congregation at the next communion, for which the people are now ready. At Hampton he preaches once a month to a few members with gradually increasing audiences. In Saunders Co. he preaches to an organized congregation, and the people show a willingness to do what they can for his support. Six miles from this place, at Ithaca, there are Reformed families, whom he expects to organize into a congregation. There are Reformed families in Salina Co., sixty miles from Athora, whom he expects to visit at an early day. A short time ago a colony of some twenty German Russians, twenty-five miles from Athora, applied to Mr. Erb for a Reformed minister, and he promised to do for them whatever he could in the future. Thus far he reports forty members. Many still stand aloof, who will be gathered into the church, as his work gives promise of permanency. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Thus far the missionary has to a great extent been doing the work of a pioneer; but it is easy to see that, if it is kept up persistently for a number of years, it will result in a large increase, and the establishment of many new churches. Thus far he has been receiving only a small compensation for his services, but the prospects are that this will increase from year to year, as the country improves. Last winter he received help in the way of missionary boxes—one from a Presbyterian Church in Ohio, he knew not how—and he will need similar help during the coming winter. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Appropriation, last year, \$300. This year the same. Pastor, Edmund Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

Salem's Church, Napa.—After the withdrawal of pastor De Geller from Napa the Rev. George Mechtshheimer, our missionary in Washington Territory, was engaged by the Board to take his place at Napa. As there seemed no immediate prospect that the mission would become self-sustaining for years to come, pastor M. commenced preaching at three other points, with the view of strengthening his charge, at Sonoma, St. Helena and Valleys. There are favorable prospects of organizing a congregation at Sonoma at an early day, with 36 members. It is too soon to speak of his success at the other points, but it may be said that thus far there is no reason for discouragement. It is believed that in this way the mission will become self-supporting, and the course of the missionary is commended by the Board. The congregation at Napa holds its own, but its indebtedness—\$500—is still very much in the way of its progress. No statistics given this year. Appropriation last year, \$300. No appropriation for the present. Pastor, George Mechtshheimer.

Stockton.—During the past year, the Reformed Church at Stockton, in the beginning cherished and supported by this Board, but, for a number of years past, self-sustaining and apparently prosperous, met with a great calamity. After its regular pastor resigned and withdrew from the field, a so-called minister of the Gospel crept in unawares, occupied the pulpit, and succeeded in inducing a large portion of the members to withdraw from the Reformed Church and connect themselves with his own denomination. He further succeeded in getting the charter changed in one of the lower courts, on the false assumption that the congregation was a so-called Independent Reformed Church, and as such, had a right to alienate its property and transfer it to somebody else. Under these circumstances, the Board authorized the Rev. E. De Geller to proceed as our missionary to Stockton, and to do what he could to save the Reformed Church from entire destruction. In this

he has been thus far, under the blessing of God, successful. He has rallied such members as he could find that were true to the Church, and has been preaching for them in such places as were available. A suit has been entered, the intruder ejected for the time being at least, and the church closed by the sheriff, until the Supreme Court of California decides the true ownership of the church. The case was to be decided last week, and if there has been no postponement, we may expect to hear the result soon. The property is worth about \$5,000, and the cost of the suit may be somewhere between four and five hundred dollars. Appropriation the same as at Napa, \$300. Pastor, Eugene De Geller.

Alameda.—During the course of the year, pastor Hartman informed the Board that his labors at Alameda did not seem to be productive of good results, and so he made the request that he be assigned to some other field on the Pacific coast, where he could be more useful. He was unwilling to receive money from the church, unless he had some prospect of building up a Christian congregation among the Germans at Alameda. At the time he wrote to us he did not see that this could be done, and so he asked to be allowed to go elsewhere to preach the Gospel. Subsequently, however, a change took place in his prospects and he concluded to remain at his post. Some twenty persons at Oakland came forward and entreated him to organize them into a church, which he consented to do. The new organization is called "Immanuel's Church at Oakland." The course pursued by the missionary has been approved by the Board. His prospects now are more encouraging than they were one year ago. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 12. Appropriation last year \$400. This year the same. Pastor, C. Hartman.

OREGON.

Portland.—Three congregations, Portland, Astoria and Oak Point. Members 130. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 40. Additions, 13. Benevolence, \$25. Local Objects, \$746. Property, \$8,000. No debt. Congregation at Astoria expects to build a church; have been offered a large amount of lumber for that purpose. At Oak Point the members are also adopting measures to build a church with good prospects of success. At Portland the congregation propose to build a parsonage during the year. The Anglo-German Institute belonging to the mission is taught by the daughter of the missionary, assisted by her father and another teacher. It has met thus far with good success, and has proved itself a useful auxiliary to the mission. It is now proposed to convert this school into a Mission house, for the purpose of preparing young men for the office of the ministry and the profession of teaching in the interests of the Reformed Church on the Pacific Coast, and the missionary asks for the counsel of the Board and the Synod in the matter. The mission proposes to be self-supporting after the 1st of October, 1882, under certain conditions. Appropriation last year, \$200. Self-sustaining. Under the Board eight years. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Members, 56. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 7. S. S. Scholars, 20. Pastor Muellhaupt has ceased preaching at Waldo Hills, and referred the congregation to Classis for supplies, in order that he might give attention to other points, where congregations may be organized. Once a month he preaches, at present, in Albany city, where he has the prospect of organizing a congregation at an early day. Recently he visited a Swiss settlement in Washington Territory, destitute of the means of grace, where perhaps something may be accomplished in the future. For the last six years the mission at Salem has been worshipping in a rented hall, which has been a barrier in the way of its progress. Encouraged by the Board, it has recently purchased a valuable property, consisting of a church, two lots, and an old parsonage, for \$2000. In a few years it will be worth double or treble that amount. Thus far \$450 have been advanced to effect the purchase, and the balance is to be paid in two annual installments, falling due on the 1st of October, 1883 and 1884, bearing interest at nine per cent. The Board has promised to assist the mission in this undertaking, to the extent of \$250, out of monies received for church-building purposes. Of this amount \$60 have been already paid by contributions sent from the Easton and Frederick congregations, which were thankfully received by the pastor and his flock. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Muellhaupt.

Stafford, Clackamas County.—In November last the two congregations organized by pastor Lange—St. Peter's, near Oregon City, and St. John's, near New

Era,—at his request were supplied with a pastor of their own, in the person of Rev. Frederick Ewald, sent to this country last year by the St. Chrischona Pilger Institute, at Basel, Switzerland; The thirty-six members of these two small congregations now support their own pastor. The first mentioned has erected a commodious parsonage, in which it worships for the present, and expects to erect a house of worship at an early day. The church at New Era, with the help of \$50 appropriated by the Board of Missions, for which the pastor and members express their heart-felt thanks, are at present building themselves a small house of worship, which will be finished and dedicated at an early day. Pastor Lange, on account of failing health, has been compelled to confine his activity to the single congregation at Meridian, where he has been preaching, teaching school, teaching music, and catechising the youth. Providence alone has prevented him from making long missionary tours, or assisting neighboring brethren, as he was formerly accustomed to do. It is now his purpose to make a visit to Germany, for the benefit of his health, but at the earnest entreaty of Classis and his congregation, he has promised to remain with his flock, if his health permits, until a successor comes in and takes his place. It will be observed that there are now two charges in his field, one of which is self-supporting, both of which may be said to have grown out of the small mission at Salem. Members of the Meridian congregation, 31. S. S. Scholars, 24. Baptisms, 3. Losses, 5. Additions, 2. Contributed for congregational purposes, \$400. Value of church property, \$900, dedicated, without any debt on it, in June last, amidst general rejoicing, in which neighboring congregations served by Pastor Lange took part. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Julius Lange.

West Union, Washington County.—This mission was taken under the care of the Board during the past year, and its pastor was received from a sister denomination. He has one small congregation with seventeen members, and a Sunday-school with ten scholars; but he makes many missionary tours—on foot—from place to place, preaching every Sunday, and as often as he can during the week. He has the pleasure of seeing that his labors are appreciated. Some of his hearers travel as far as ten miles, on the Sabbath, to attend divine services. Much of his time is spent in visiting the people who are scattered about, so that he may converse and pray with them, and read to them the word of God. It would assist him very much in his work, he thinks, if he could take with him, in his visits, some good books and religious tracts in the German language, and present them to the people. Some of them have no Bibles, and others have no books to read. This missionary is inadequately supported. With \$56 as salary from the people, and a small appropriation from the Board, he cannot support himself and family. It is a case in which relief is needed, especially during the coming winter. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$200. Pastor H. Stauss.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattle.—Pastor Kreuter, during the year, has rendered valuable assistance to pastor Gantenbein in his missionary work. For a while he preached at the Dalles, but owing to difficulties and changes in the place, he withdrew, and by advice of Classis, has been supplying the mission at Seattle. During the year he has also preached at Walla-Walla. Unfortunately, his annual report failed to reach the Superintendent, and he is not able to report the results of his activity. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor A. Kreuter.

IOWA.

The following missions in Iowa were placed under this Board at the suggestion of the Potomac Synod, and by the request of the Classis of Iowa, and with this understanding, the Synod promised to contribute \$450 for their support during the year. The Synod of Pittsburgh further promised to contribute \$250 for the same object.

Pleasant Valley Mission, Fremont Co.—This mission was organized in May, 1879 by the Rev. D. P. Lefever with 17 members, and placed under the Board of Missions of Iowa Classis, with an appropriation.

It has at present 65 members, a Sunday-school of 30 scholars, exclusive of the adults who are accustomed to attend regularly, and a catechetical class of ten young persons. Three children were baptized, \$50 contributed to benevolence.

and \$250 for local objects. The attendance on divine services is good and improving. The new church, built in September last, cost \$1500, and was dedicated without any debt resting on it. The mission is gaining a firmer foothold in the community, has based itself on true Christian principles, and seeks to make a stand against the surrounding tide of worldliness, intemperance, the foolish amusements of the world, and other sins abounding in a new country. The support of the pastor all told, including the appropriation of the Board, during the year, did not amount to more than \$275, from which it is plain enough that, unless he had employed some means of his own (his pension), must have come to want. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, \$125. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

Beamen Mission, Grundy Co.—The missionary commenced his work in this field on the 1st of October, 1881, with one organized congregation. Since then he has organized another congregation at Liscomb in Marshall Co.—eighteen miles distant—with eight members. The charge thus consists of two congregations. Members, 31. S. S. scholars, 99. Benevolence, 32.98. Local objects, \$55. One missionary society with 36 members, each paying ten cents per month. Church papers, 10. The Lord's supper administered quarterly. No church buildings, but in case there are no losses by removals or otherwise one, if not two, new churches will be erected during the coming year. Many of the members came from the East originally, and are liberal in their support of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, 250. Pastor, Henry Bair.

Three other missions in the Iowa Classis were taken under the Board, but from these no annual reports, giving statistics, have been received. They are as follows: *Wilton Mission*, Muscatine Co.—Appropriation, \$125. Pastor, S. C. Long; *Brandon Mission*, Buchanan Co.—Appropriation, 180. Now vacant; and *Leighton Mission* on the rail-road running from Oskaloosa to Des Moines, vacant, but supplied by Rev. J. H. Buser. Appropriation not given.

Ursinus Union.—The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Missionary Committee of the Ursinus Union, reports that since the last annual meeting of the synod, he has received and paid out for missionary purposes \$771.61. A part of this amount was used for the support of a missionary under the care of the Board, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions	55, last year,	45
Members in the missions.....	5,355, "	4,159
Baptisms during the year.....	720, "	720
Additions during the year.....	655, "	588
Sunday-school scholars.....	4,886, "	3,406
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$1,923, "	\$932
" " for local objects.....	\$25,196, "	\$18,927
Estimated value of property belonging to the missions.....	\$188,860, "	\$164,000
Reduction of Indebtedness.....	\$5,238,	<hr/>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that the income of the Board during the year, from all sources up to date was, for missions \$11,804, for Washington Chapel \$3,065, and for Church Building Fund, \$54, in addition to some contributions to this object included in the general fund. Whole amount \$14,923. It compares favorably with the contributions of previous years.

For the coming year the Board will need \$16,500 in order to meet current expenses, for which we recommend that the Synods raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$9,000
The Synod of the Potomac.....	4,250
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	3,250

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board is pleased to see that our churches are beginning to send in their contributions to the Church Building Fund, and it recommends to the Synods to

reiterate their requests of last year, and encourage churches and individuals to do more for this object during the coming year.

As the Board finds it difficult to supply its missions with pastors, owing to the want of ministers, it recommends to the Synods, to adopt measures to induce more of our young men to devote themselves to the ministerial work.

The Board recommends to the Synods to adopt all suitable measures to diffuse missionary intelligence, to awaken the missionary spirit, and to develop the liberality of our people in promoting the interests of Christ's Kingdom in the missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,

Superintendent.

September 19, 1882.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States :

I beg leave to present the following Report of the Finances of the Board during the past Synodical year.

Contributions for missions were made as follows by the several classes composing the three Synods, viz. :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 85 52	
" Tohickon	369 88	
" Goshenhoppen	657 63	
" East Pennsylvania	1092 18	
" Lebanon	1149 11	
" Lancaster	625 28	
" East Susquehanna	203 00	
" West Susquehanna	651 96	
" Lehigh	527 06	
Total from the Synod of the United States		\$ 5,361 62

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$ 357 66	
" Maryland	1418 56	
" Mereersburg	1241 63	
" Virginia	301 85	
" San Francisco	24 80	
" North Carolina	75 65	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		\$ 3,420 15

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset	\$ 30 09	
From Treasurer of Synod	2674 50	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh		\$ 2,704 59

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy (loaned out)	\$ 500 00	
" " " (interest)	167 83	
" other legacies	78 00	
" Reformed Church, Emporia, Kan.	5 00	
" Ladies' Missionary Society, Evangelical Reformed Church, N. Y.	25 00	
" E. and S. Dieffenderfer, Michigan	10 00	
" Collections in Neb. per Rev. E. Erb	25 00	
" " at Synod of Danville	24 36	
" Loans	400 00	
		\$ 1,235 19
		<u>\$12,721 66</u>

Balance in the Treasury Oct. 3, 1881 . .	1,239 97
--	----------

Total from all sources	\$13,952 52
----------------------------------	-------------

Note.—The loan of \$400 remains unpaid.

Disbursements.

Balance in the Treasury Oct. 3, 1881 . . \$	1,203 97
---	----------

Paid orders of the Board during year . .	12,074 26
--	-----------

“ Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer of Iowa	
---------------------------------------	--

Classis	280 00
-------------------	--------

Balance in the Treasury Sep. 19, 1882 . .	394 29
---	--------

—————	\$13,952 52
-------	-------------

We certify that the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, was this day audited by us and found correct, and a balance of three hundred and ninety-four and $\frac{29}{100}$ dollars (\$394. $\frac{29}{100}$) found in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hands, at Harrisburg, Pa., this 20th day of September, 1882.

W. H. H. SNYDER, }	<i>Committee of</i>
D. W. GROSS, }	<i>Auditors.</i>

Washington Mission.

The following sums were received during the year for Washington Mission, viz. :

From Classis of Lancaster	\$ 183 43	
“ “ Lebanon	411 00	
“ “ Lehigh	144 32	
“ “ Tohickon	164 43	
“ “ Goshenhoppen	50 00	
	—————	\$ 953 18
“ “ Zion	25 00	
“ “ Mercersburg	214 16	
“ “ Maryland	1869 18	
	—————	\$2108 34

One-half of Collection of Synod of Pittsburgh,	14 00
--	-------

Total	\$3075 52
-----------------	-----------

Note.—The Board is indebted on loan the sum of \$1600, towards the payment of which there is in the Treasury \$222.73.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

IV. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following is the Report of the Standing Committee on Missions, as adopted by the Synod:

Your Committee on Missions report that they have carefully considered the several items referred to them, as follows:

Item 1. Appointments for the missionary meeting on Thursday evening. Addresses by the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Dr. Appel, Rev. Dr. Eschbach, and Rev. H. Hilbisch, in the order named.

Item 2. A letter from the Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer of Iowa Classis, from which we learn that the Synod's apportionment upon the several Classes for mission work within the bounds of said Classis have been paid in full only by the Classes of Mercersburg and Virginia. Your Committee recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the several Classes delinquent in this matter be and are hereby

urged to meet this deficiency without further delay, as the necessity of the case demands.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. J. Gantenbein, President of the Portland-Oregon Classis, with reference to the establishment of a Mission House within the bounds of that Classis. Your Committee, though not in possession of the necessary data on which to base for itself a judgment as to the matter, yet desirous of encouraging whatever effort may lawfully contribute to the advancement of mission work, at the request and on the judgment of the Tri-Synodic Board and the Superintendent of Home Missions, recommend that the Synod give its sanction to the establishment of the said Mission House; and, further, whilst assuming no direct pecuniary obligation in its behalf, do yet commend it to the confidence, prayers, and support of the Church.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. Dr. Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, calling the attention of this Synod to the work of that Board, and asking our active co-operation in the work now fairly begun in the Empire of Japan.

Your Committee are pleased to learn of the success so far attending the efforts of the Board, and believing with the Board that the further and successful prosecution of the work demands that Brother Gring be at once reinforced, suggest that the Synod encourage the Board in its efforts to secure and send out assistants; and, as an earnest of our interest and sympathy, we do hereby urge upon all our congregations and people, that with thankful hearts and liberal hands they lay upon the altar their offerings in behalf of this cause, and that the several Classes be directed to take whatever further action may be deemed necessary to call forth the sympathy and enlarged gifts of the people.

Item 5. A letter from the Secretary of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, presenting two resolutions of the Board: (a) requesting this Synod to take such action as will secure a more general introduction of the *Missionary Herald* into our congregations; (b) calling the attention of the Synod to the fact that the apportionments of the several Classes for the Washington Mission Chapel have not all been paid.

Believing with the Board that a more general reading of the *Missionary Herald* would further the cause of missions, we suggest that the *Herald* be anew commended to the patronage of the Church, and that the pastors be urged to use all diligence in securing its more general circulation. And further, in behalf of both Home and Foreign Missions, that there may be still more general information in matters pertaining to this particular subject; that the spirit of missions may be cultivated among young and old, children as well as adults; that the Church throughout may be stimulated to a more intelligent, cheerful, and effective giving and working, it is urged upon all the pastors that in their pulpits, and in their visitations, they make more frequent mention of the claims of the Board, that they hold special meetings, organize missionary societies, and gather the children into mission bands.

We recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the several Classes delinquent in their apportionments for the Washington Mission Chapel be urged to make prompt payment in full.

From the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions we gather the following facts, which we present for your consideration. The Board had under its care during the year fifty-five missions, an increase of ten over the previous year. These include a membership of 5355, an increase of 1119; Sunday-school scholars 4886, an increase of 1480; and together contributing for benevolence \$1923.00, an increase of \$991.00; also increasing the value of their property to the extent of \$24,860.00, and reducing their indebtedness in the sum of \$5238.00. Of these fifty-five missions two have become self-sustaining, eleven bore a reduction in their appropriations, twenty-three receive the same as last year, and the remaining nineteen are either new missions, vacant, or their appropriations for the year not yet determined.

We also learn that during the year the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States contributed for Home Missions the sum of \$5361.62, less by \$569.86 than during the year previous, and \$3138.38 less than the amount apportioned by the Board. The Synod of the Potomac contributed \$3420.15, an increase over the previous year of \$858.27, yet \$329.85 short of the full amount apportioned. This

deficiency, however, will be more than met should Zion's Classis, now divided, meet its delinquency of \$792.34 on the amount apportioned. The Synod of Pittsburgh contributed \$2704.59, an increase of \$642.10 over the former year, and only \$45.41 short of the full amount apportioned. The total amount contributed by the three Synods being \$11,486.36, or \$69.49 less than was reported last year.

Whilst the above showing is discouraging, so far as it relates to the Old Mother Synod, yet is it a matter of hearty congratulation, so far as it has reference to our own Synod and the Synod of Pittsburgh, giving proof that our pastors have not failed to present and urge the claims of the Board, and that our people have given an encouraging response.

For the coming year the Board asks that the Synods raise for its work \$16,500.00, an increase of \$1500.00, which increase the Board apportions in equal sums of \$500.00 upon the three Synods respectively, and asks that this Synod raise \$4250.00 during the present Synodical year. Whilst we regard this apportionment of the increase out of all just proportion and unfair, yet, believing that this Synod is well able to raise this amount, and willing rather to help than hinder the Board in its work, we recommend that the Synod assume this amount, and urge our Classes to meet it fully and promptly, apportioning to each as follows: Mercersburg Classis \$1250.00, Maryland Classis \$1250.00, Gettysburg Classis \$550.00, Zion's Classis \$500.00, Virginia Classis \$325.00, Carlisle Classis \$300.00, North Carolina Classis \$175.00, Portland-Oregon Classis \$50.00, and San Francisco Classis \$25.00. Making \$4425.00.

Your Committee presents the following resolutions for adoption, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to Almighty God, as we have reason to do, for the degree of blessing and encouragement He has vouchsafed to us in our work, and pledge ourselves anew and with stronger desire to His service.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Missions be urged to give, if possible, a larger share of direct, *personal* attention to the missions under the care of the Board, in order that he may the better learn the actual necessities of each, and by his presence give encouragement to the missionaries and their little flocks.

Resolved, That the Board be urged to use the most rigid economy in making appropriations, and also enforce the rule of an annual reduction, save in cases of the greatest necessity, with a view to a rapid increase of the number of missions supporting themselves, and opening the way for taking up new mission fields.

Resolved, That the members of the Tri-Synodic Board from this Synod be urged unitedly to press the claims of the mission field within the bounds of this Synod, and through the Board vigorously to prosecute the open field in the Virginia Valley and still further southward.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk furnish the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions with the several amounts apportioned to each Classis, and that he open accounts with them.

Resolved, That our pastors be requested to take up a collection in each of their congregations in behalf of the Church Building Fund during the present Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

In the same connection, the following resolutions were moved and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the attention of the mother Synod be respectfully called to the great disparity in the raising of the apportionments for Home Missions, as set forth in the foregoing report.

And, WHEREAS, The Iowa Classis has formally placed its missions under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, in compliance with the imposition of this Synod, at its last annual meeting, held in Waynesboro'; and, inasmuch as Iowa Classis requests further assistance; therefore,

Resolved, That the request of Iowa Classis for missionary aid be referred to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

Resolved, That the term of service of the members of the Synodic Board of Missions extend hereafter to the meeting of the Synod, instead of only to October 1st, as ordered by the Synod of Winchester, in 1875.

Resolved, That the Synodic Board of Missions make the appointment of speakers for the missionary meeting of the next Synod, at least six months before the meeting of the Synod is to take place.

At the election for members of the different Boards, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Rev. J. O. Miller and Elder J. T. Motter were chosen as members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. O. Miller,	. . . . .	4 years	. . . . .	October, 1886.
Elder J. T. Motter,	. . . . .	4 "	. . . . .	" 1886.
Rev. J. M. Titzel,	. . . . .	3 "	. . . . .	" 1885.
Rev. I. S. Weisz,	. . . . .	3 "	. . . . .	" 1885.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach,	. . . . .	2 "	. . . . .	" 1884.
Rev. E. N. Kremer,	. . . . .	2 "	. . . . .	" 1884.
Rev. G. W. Welker,	. . . . .	1 year	. . . . .	" 1883.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

LOUIS MARKELL, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

DR.

Dec. 13, 1881.	To cash from Lewis H. Steiner, late Treasurer.....	\$150 84
May 27, 1882.	To cash of Virginia Classis.....	125 00
May 29, 1882.	To cash of Mercersburg Classis.....	275 00
June 8, 1882.	To cash of North Carolina Classis.....	25 00
Aug. 8, 1882.	To cash of Maryland Classis.....	175 00

Making..... \$750 84

CONTRA CR.

Dec. 17, 1881.	By cash to Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, Treas., interest on Stoudenour legacy.....	\$12 00
Dec. 17, 1881.	By cash to Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, freight on Minutes of General Synod.....	3 00
Jan. 11, 1882.	By cash to Publication Board, for printing Minutes.....	145 75
May 13, 1882.	By cash to Rev. E. E. Higbee, traveling expenses.....	10 00
May 29, 1882.	By cash to Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, expenses.....	12 00
May 29, 1882.	" " " salary.....	100 00
May 29, 1882.	" " " part of \$300, appropriation to Mercersburg College.....	163 00
Aug. 29, 1882.	By cash to Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, balance of said appropriation.....	137 00
Oct. 10, 1882.	Balance, cash on hand.....	168 09

Making..... \$750 84

At the last meeting of the Synod, the following assessments were made, to wit:

Zion's Classis.....	\$275 00+325 00=	\$600 00
Maryland Classis.....	275 00+325 00=	600 00
Mercersburg Classis.....	275 00+325 00=	600 00
Virginia Classis.....	50 00+ 75 00=	125 00
North Carolina Classis.....	30 00+ 50 00=	80 00

Total.....\$2005 00

Of the above amount, the Treasurer has received the following sums, to wit :

Mercersburg Classis.....	\$275 00
Maryland Classis.....	175 00
Virginia Classis, in full.....	125 00
North Carolina Classis.....	80 00
Making.....	\$600 00

and leaving unpaid \$1405 00.

Of this amount there is due from Zion's Classis, \$600 00 ; Maryland Classis, \$425 00 ; Mercersburg Classis, \$325 00 ; and North Carolina Classis, \$55 00. Making \$1405 00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted, as follows, to wit :

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report, that the Treasurer's Report has been duly audited and found correct, with a balance on hand of \$168 09.

To meet the contingent expenses of the Synod and pledge to Mercersburg College, the following assessments are made, namely :—Mercersburg Classis, \$190 00 ; Maryland Classis, \$190 00 ; Zion's Classis, \$110 00 ; Gettysburg Classis, \$110 00 ; Carlisle Classis, \$65 00 ; Virginia Classis, \$40 00 ; North Carolina Classis, \$35 00 ; San Francisco Classis, \$5 00 ; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5 00. Making \$750 00.

To meet the deficiency in the Theological Seminary income, the following apportionments are made, namely :—Mercersburg Classis, \$40 00 ; Maryland Classis, \$40 00 ; Zion's Classis, \$20 00 ; Gettysburg Classis, \$20 00 ; Carlisle Classis, \$15 00, and Virginia Classis, \$15 00. Making \$150 00.

To meet the \$900 00 on Washington Mission Chapel apportionment, still due from the Zion's Classis, lately divided into the three Classes of Zion, Gettysburg, and Carlisle, the following apportionment is made, namely :—Zion's Classis, \$350 00 ; Gettysburg Classis, \$350 00 ; and Carlisle Classis, \$200 00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman*.

The North Carolina Classis was exonerated from the payment of the assessment of \$50 00 for the Theological Seminary and Publication Board of the Reformed Church, made last year by the Synod of Waynesboro'.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod presented the following annual report, which was adopted, viz. :

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac would report, That the Board met and organized on the 14th of October, 1882, by electing Rev. J. T. Rossiter, *President*, and Elder J. Taylor Motter, *Vice President* and *Secretary*, in conformity with the charter.

The Board recommends, that Synod instruct its agent, Rev. M. H. Sangree, to collect the remainder of the good subscriptions on his book within the current Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. TAYLOR MOTTER, *Secretary*.

The request from the Zion's Classis for a distribution of its arrearage on apportionment for Washington Mission Chapel, among the three Classes of Zion, Gettysburg and Carlisle, was granted, and the Standing Committee on Finance was ordered to make such distribution ; which was accordingly done, as reported above.

With reference to the failure of the Zion's Classis to take favorable ac-

tion on Church Building Fund, and North Carolina Classis on assessment for Theological Seminary and Publication Board, and a part also on assessment for Contingent Fund, as reported in item 14 of the Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod deeply regrets, that the Classis of Zion, (including Gettysburg and Carlisle Classes) and North Carolina Classis declined to respect the instructions of the Synod, above referred to, and that it earnestly hopes, that hereafter a different course will be pursued.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, the Rev. A. H. Kremer was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. A. H. Kremer,	.	.	.	5 years	.	.	.	January 1, 1888.
Elder J. T. Motter,	.	.	.	4 "	.	.	.	" 1, 1887.
Rev. J. T. Rossiter,	.	.	.	3 "	.	.	.	" 1, 1886.
Elder Louis Markell,	.	.	.	2 "	.	.	.	" 1, 1885.
Elder H. Wirt Shriver,	.	.	.	1 year	.	.	.	" 1, 1884.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its annual report to the Synod, which was adopted as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

The Sunday-school Board begs leave to report the following programme: Topic I. The Sunday-school—What it should be. Speakers, Revs. A. H. Kremer and J. C. Bowman. Topic II. The best way of preparing Sunday-school teachers for their work. Speakers, Revs. F. J. Sauerber and T. F. Hoffmeier.

For the discussion of these topics, the Board requests the Synod to set apart some suitable time. The Board reports also the sum of Fifty Dollars in the hands of its Treasurer, which is at the disposal of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE, *President*.

The Synod, accordingly, set apart Friday evening for a Sunday-school meeting, when the foregoing programme of the Sunday-school Board was observed.

The Sunday-school Board was instructed to make arrangements for the Sunday-school meeting, to be held during the sessions of the next Synod, at least six months before the meeting of the Synod.

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod,

Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich was chosen a member of the Sunday-school Board for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich	.	.	.	5 years	.	.	.	October, 1887.
Rev. B. R. Carnahan	.	.	.	4 "	.	.	.	" 1886.
Rev. W. K. Zieber	.	.	.	3 "	.	.	.	" 1885.
Elder G. S. Griffith	.	.	.	2 "	.	.	.	" 1884.
Rev. F. F. Bahner	.	.	.	1 "	.	.	.	" 1883.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, under item 9, reported a request from the Mercersburg Classis for the formation of a new Classis out of that portion of her territory lying north and west of Fulton county, to be called the *Juniata Classis*—the organization not to go into effect, until after the next annual meeting of the Mercersburg Classis.

On motion, the request was granted, and the Classis of Juniata was constituted out of the territory specified, as requested. Revs. J. O. Miller, W. R. H. Deatrich, H. T. Spangler, and Elders D. Hildebrand, and G. W. Hartman were appointed a special committee to name the place and time of meeting, and the individual to preside at the formal organization of the Juniata Classis. This committee subsequently reported, as follows, which was received and adopted, namely :

To the Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the formal organization of the Juniata Classis, begs leave to report the following for adoption :

Resolved, That this division of the Mercersburg Classis go into effect immediately after the next annual meeting of said Classis.

Resolved, That the Juniata Classis meet for organization in the Reformed church of Greencastle, Pa., on Tuesday morning, May 22nd, A. D. 1883, at 10 o'clock, and that Rev. J. M. Titzel preside on the occasion.

Resolved, That the roll and statistics of the Mercersburg and Juniata Classes be reported to the next meeting of the Synod, in accordance with such division.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The same Committee, under item 13, reported a request from the Carlisle Classis, that its statistics be published in connection with the names of ministers and pastoral charges belonging to it.

The request was granted, and it was ordered, that the statistical table of the Zion's Classis, as furnished to the Synod, by its Stated Clerk, be so divided, that the Classes of Zion, Gettysburg, and Carlisle, shall have their proper statistics published in the Statistical Tables of the Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, under item 15, reported the appointment for the organization of the Gettysburg Classis to take place in Gettysburg, Pa., June 14th, 1882, on which occasion Rev. M. Kiefler was to act as President.

The Rev. Dr. Kieffer presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Honorable Synod of the Potomac :

Dear Brethren:—Having been appointed by the Synod, at its last annual meeting to preside at the organization of the Gettysburg Classis, I respectfully report, that I attended to the duty assigned me, on the 7th day of June, 1882, as the Minutes of this newly organized body will show. M. KIEFFER.

In this connection, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the irregularity, in changing the time of the organization of the Gettysburg Classis from the 14th to the 7th of June, be excused, as the change was made for sufficient reasons, and that the organization be confirmed.

The same Committee, under item 16, reported that the authorized Carlisle Classis was to meet for organization in Carlisle, Pa., June 14th, 1882, and that Rev. A. H. Kremer was to preside.

The Rev. Dr. Kremer submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

ORGANIZATION OF CARLISLE CLASSIS.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that the Classis of Carlisle was duly organized in Carlisle, Pa., on the 13th of June, 1882, by the election of a President, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. KREMER.

In this connection, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That, in accordance with the request of the Carlisle Classis, as stated in its Minutes, the irregularity of said Classis in meeting a day earlier for organization be excused, as the change was made for sufficient cause, and that the organization be confirmed.

The change of place of the annual meeting by the Portland-Oregon Classis was, on motion, excused as it was made for valid reasons, and the change validated.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, under item 2, reported the appointment of a special committee by the last Synod, of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck was chairman, to take into consideration certain proposed changes in Church Government. The chairman reported to the Synod, that he had failed to get a quorum of the Committee together to carry out the purpose for which it had been appointed. The Synod, thereupon, so changed the special committee as to make it consist of the members of the committee in attendance upon the sessions of the Synod, together with Revs. J. M. Titzel, and S. N. Callender. Thus constituted the committee was ordered to report at three o'clock during the session of Monday afternoon. At the appointed hour, the committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEM 2 OF REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred item 2 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, having reference to the request of the General Synod, as sent down to the District Synods, to give an expression of opinion with respect especially to the following important proposed changes in the practical government of the Church, namely: (1) annual sessions of the

General Synod; (2) election of delegates by the District Synods instead of the Classes; (3) concentration of Church work in Boards appointed by the General Synod, begs leave to report, after due consideration of the matter, the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we give it as our unanimous opinion that annual sessions of the General Synod, and the election of delegates by the District Synods instead of by the Classes, as at present, are not desirable.

Resolved, That the concentration of Church work in Boards appointed by the General Synod is deemed both expedient and desirable.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was presented by the Stated Clerk, with reference to the publication of the Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Synod, and was adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, according to instructions, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations in the case. The Minutes number ten pages less than those of the preceding year, and cost \$145.75, or ten dollars more than those of the previous year. The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church is as follows:

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits the following report:—

During the past year the Board has held three regular meetings. At the first meeting George Gelbach was elected *President*, and Chas. G. Fisher, *Secretary* and *Treasurer* for the ensuing year; the latter was also elected *Superintendent* of the Board. It is perhaps needless to say that at all these, due attention was given to the interests committed to its charge.

It gives the Board great pleasure to report that the year just closed has been one of decided improvement and great encouragement in its affairs and operations. In the two Departments—Periodical and Book—there has been an advance in the receipts over those of last year.

From the Annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the last meeting of the Board, the following summary is gathered, indicating the financial condition of the Establishment:—

Receipts of the year.....	\$43,447.57	
Disbursements	42,953.78	
Excess of Receipts.....	493.79	
Liabilities, July 31, 1881	34,434.48	
Liabilities, July 31, 1882	30,827.32	
Decrease of Liabilities.....	3,607.16	
General Assets, July 31, 1881.....	42,949.47	
General Assets, July 31, 1882.....	42,879.50	
Decrease of Assets.....	69.97	
General Assets.....	42,879.50	
Add Real Estate	35,000.00	
Total Assets		77,879.50
General Liabilities.....	30,827.32	
Add Mortgage	20,000.00	
		\$50,827.32
Excess of Assets.....		\$27,052.18

As to the Periodicals, it is also gathered from this Statement, that there is taken as a whole, a considerable increase in their number during the year. Some have suffered a falling off, whilst others have made a decided advance. This will be noticed as they are taken up in their order. "*The Messenger*" has had the addition of 232 subscribers over the discontinuances that usually occur—the whole number of subscribers being, at this time, a fraction less than 6500, which is more than double the number it had when the Publication Office was removed from Chambersburg to Philadelphia in 1864. The continued increase of subscribers is greatly owing to the active operations of our General Agent, H. K. Binkley, in the different charges, he, with the co-operation of the Pastors, has been able to canvass.

In the number of subscribers of "*The Guardian*" there has been a slight decrease of 129. This has been mainly owing to the fact of the Board issuing during the year "*The Scholars' Quarterly*" which some teachers or schools have taken in preference to it as a help in giving instruction in the Sunday School.

It was indeed expected that it would suffer a greater reduction in number, for the reason given, than it has. It gives the Board pleasure to say, that, as a magazine, it is growing in favor among the young of the church, and holding its former position among the Teachers as a valuable help to them in their Sunday School work.

There has also been a decrease of subscribers for "*The Reformed Quarterly Review*" to the number of 25. We should be enabled to report to the contrary in regard to this Periodical. We note also a small decrease in the number of subscribers for "*The Child's Treasury*"—Monthly and Semi-Monthly—115 in the one and 431 in the other. This may be accounted for in the fact that in the endeavor to strike a higher plane—namely, to meet the wants of the youth in our Sunday Schools—there has been a necessary turning from it on the part of the younger children, to "*Sunshine*," it seeming to meet their wants the better. This fact, however, does not detract from the character of the paper in the least, but is the natural consequence of that which has been stated. The paper has evidently been edited with marked ability and to the general satisfaction of its readers.

"*Sunshine*" has increased the greatest in number—1337, and is, we are glad to say, growing in favor and interest.

The decided increase in our Sunday School Helps as a whole, outside of "*The Guardian*," shows conclusively the wisdom of the Synods in committing the preparation of the Lessons and Comments to the management of the Board. The arrangement thus far, has proven satisfactory and they, as well as the form in which they have been issued, have met with general acceptance. Up to the end of

the present fiscal year—running but three-quarters of the year—the number of subscribers for “*The Scholar’s Quarterly*” has been 9800, and for the “*Primary Lesson Paper*,” 5952, which is certainly up to the expectations of the most sanguine as to the circulation they would have the first year of their issue. Their present circulation is sufficient to insure their having, in due course of time, a wider and greater one and ably filling a long felt want in the Sunday School work of the church. This success of the new Periodicals, has necessarily caused a decrease of 4168 in the number of the former “*Lesson Paper*,” now known as the “*Advanced*,” but this is greatly overbalanced by the increase of all over what was the number issued last year, which increase is 11,569.

In the Book Department it gives the Board great pleasure to note, as last year, a marked improvement. The Church is more and more coming to the point of giving its patronage to its *own* Book Store. The receipts in this Department have been over \$2000 more than last year. This has been owing to an increase of trade and a more thorough collection of accounts. It is still believed by the Board that the Church will, in time, see its obligation in giving its undivided support to this particular branch of the Board’s operations and find it to its interest to do so.

The number of books printed for this Department during the year has been 26,250, including over 14,000 Church Almanacs.

Wishing to bring the business of the Book Department especially, as near as possible to a *cash* basis, with the beginning of the next fiscal year (Aug. 1st, 1882), it is proposed to allow a discount of 5 per cent. on all bills—if paid within 30 days of date of same. It is to be hoped that this will have the desired effect and prove to be beneficial to both the buyer and the seller.

The Committee, as in other years, to whom belongs the duty of examining the stock in the store and investigating the financial condition of the Board, was duly appointed, and submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Philadelphia, Sept. 8th, 1882.

Brethren of the Board of Publication:—Your Committee appointed to examine the stock and accounts of the Publishing House beg leave to report:—

That we carefully went over the stock and found it in a good condition. We found it necessary to make but few deductions, and it is the opinion of your Committee that it is worth its present estimated value. We find the stock in the store so arranged that it is easy to see the amount of each class of goods. The store books we find in a good business condition. The new accounts are not large and but little loss need be sustained. The old accounts are in the hands of the collector, and a fair percentage is being collected. You will find statements of stock in store and also of book accounts accompanying this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. B. WINGERD,
B. WOLFF, JR.

The Board has made a satisfactory adjustment of the claim of the Estate of the late Treasurer against it, in the matter of advances made by him, and in accordance with his wishes as expressed in his last will and testament, which were reported to the Synod last year.

During the year the Board has matured the plan of Life-Membership subscriptions of \$100.00 each for “*The Messenger*.” This Plan had its origin in a suggestion to that effect, made by an Elder on the floor of Synod at Danville, Pa. The Board thinking well of it, followed it and the result is, a favorable beginning has already been made in securing such. The Plan has been fully explained in the columns of “*The Messenger*,” so that it is not necessary to give it here. By resolution of the Board, the amounts received from this source are to be applied to the liquidation of the debt of the Board. An effort has been made to secure an efficient agent to canvass the church for the purpose of securing at least *One Hundred* such subscriptions. It is to be hoped that in this, the Board may be successful, and that the Plan itself may be put into full operation. It certainly

should commend itself to those who are possessed with the means that would enable them to come thus to the help of the Board in its endeavors to rise above its weight of debt, and thus help it to reach that day, when it will be able to devote, what it now pays out of its income for interest, to enlarging its operations in the way of publishing books and the like.

At the last meeting of the Board, the Superintendent was instructed to issue the Music or Tunes for the "Hymns for the Reformed Church" as prepared by the Committee of the Synods, in a separate book; also a pocket, or a 32mo. edition of the Hymns alone, with and without the Forms of the Order of Worship. He was also instructed to re-stereotype, with some improvements in a mechanical way, the Heidelberg Catechism. It is proposed to issue these as soon as possible; one and perhaps all of them, before the end of the year.

The Board has always felt the great necessity of the Church keeping before it continually the wants of its Publication interests, and giving its members an opportunity of contributing towards them. This can be done by lifting at least one collection in each congregation during the year. In years gone by, the Synods have passed resolutions to this effect, but nothing has resulted therefrom. As there now seems to be a greatly revived interest in this part of church activity, the Board at its last meeting passed the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*:—That we hereby renewedly overture the Synods represented in this Board, to see that at least one collection a year be lifted in each congregation belonging to the Synods and paid to our Treasurer, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, for the use of the Publication Board."

Should the Synods take favorable action upon this matter, it is proposed to pursue a plan by which the pastors and congregations shall be kept in mind of the wish of the Synod to which they belong, in regard to this matter.

In February last, a change was made in the Business Agent in charge of the Book Department, by the retirement of Mr. Chas. H. Taylor who had been in the service of the Board for several years. Mr. Louis Boettger, lately in the employ of the American Tract Society, Philadelphia, and a member of the Reformed Church, was appointed to that position. It is to be hoped his long experience may enable him to bring his particular Department up to what it should be—a Church Book Store—as well as a source of much revenue to the Board.

At the request of the present Editor of the "*Reformed Quarterly Review*," the Board appointed Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., as Co-Editor of the same—the appointment to go into effect at the beginning of the next year—the addition of another Editor not involving an increase of expense in the way of salary. Important improvements are contemplated in the conduct of this time-honored Quarterly with the opening of the new volume.

The terms of the following Trustees of the Board will expire at the end of the present year:—George Gelbach, from the Synod of the United States, and Adam B. Wingerd from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve, therefore, upon these two Synods, at their next annual Sessions, to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board.

The Board has great reason to be gratified at the present prosperous condition of the important interests committed to its care, and is greatly encouraged to go forward; all it asks is the hearty and united co-operation and substantial aid and support of the Church—which it has every reason to expect—and there is full assurance that greater results and a far brighter day for the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD may be reached in the near future.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary*.

GEO. GELBACH, *President*.

Sept. 15, 1882.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported during the session of Friday morning. The report, after considerable discussion, was recommitted. The Committee submitted the following report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received and adopted, namely:

The Committee on Publication respectfully report that they have carefully

considered the Report of the Publication Board, as presented to Synod, and recommend the adoption of the following action on the items contained therein:

Resolved, That the Synod congratulates the Board and the Church on the healthy financial condition of the publication interests and the material reduction of the indebtedness of the Board.

Resolved, That the several Classes be directed to request their congregations to take up an annual collection, or otherwise contribute toward the relief of the Publication Board.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends all the periodicals and interests of our Publication Board anew to the patronage and support of the membership of the Church.

Resolved, That we fully approve of the action of the Board in appointing Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., co-Editor of the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, and in the proposed publication of music or tunes for the *Hymns for the Reformed Church*, and a pocket edition of the Hymns alone, with and without the Forms of the Order of Worship; we would specially urge immediate and speedy attention to the publication of the music.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*.

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod, Elder Henry Wirt was chosen a member of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Henry Wirt	4 years	1886
“ Goldsborough S. Griffith	1 year	1883

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two hundred tickets of these nominations printed for the use of the Synod, and the election was fixed for Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. At the time designated the election took place. Revs. J. T. Rossiter, J. B. Shontz, C. S. Slagle, and Elder J. P. Reed were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-school, and Publication Board.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 3 and 4, reported communications from the President of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, together with an appeal for help; and from the President of the Board of Managers and the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, presenting the condition and wants of said institution. Both communications were read. Revs. P. C. Prugh, the Superintendent, and J. McConnell, the President of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, being present on the floor of the Synod, made statements with reference to the help needed and the prospects of their institution. The items were then referred to a Special Committee, con-

sisting of Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. Hassler, C. S. Slagle, and Elders J. P. Reed and J. Ritchey. This Committee, during the session of Saturday afternoon, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the papers relating to the Orphan Homes at Womelsdorf, Pa., and at Butler, Pa., respectfully report as follows:

1. *The Bethany Orphans' Home*.—As is well known, the building of this asylum of the orphan was destroyed by fire in November last, and on which there was an insurance of \$12,400.00. A new building is in process of erection, at a cost of about \$28,000.00, including furniture, gas fixtures, and heating by steam, and which will be ready for occupancy, by a solemn act of dedication, in December next. About \$5000.00 are still needed for the completion of the building, apart from the current needs of the Home. To meet these demands, the Board of Managers presents an earnest appeal for our sympathy and material aid.

2. *The St. Paul's Orphans' Home*.—This institution has thirty-six orphans, almost wholly depending upon the voluntary contributions of our churches for their future support, owing to the withdrawal of nearly all the aid hitherto derived from the State. The present needs of the Home require the erection of an additional wing to the building, at a cost of \$3000.00. The state of the funds for current expenses is such as to necessitate the exclusion of other needy children at the present urged upon the Board for reception. This is sad, and should meet prompt relief; and will, if properly presented to our people. These asylums for the fatherless, with their past history of love and blessing, appeal strongly to the liberality and earnest prayers of our churches, and should receive cheerful and fostering aid.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That our Orphan Homes, Bethany and St. Paul's, commend themselves to the sympathy and liberal support of our people, and that the pastors of this Synod be requested to solicit for them contributions from their congregations or Sunday-schools, or from both, as they may deem best.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 1 and 2, reported a communication from the officers of the San Francisco Classis, giving some account of the doings and the condition of said Classis, together with a number of documents relating to unfortunate difficulties existing in that Classis. These were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. M. Titzel, and I. S. Weisz, for consideration. This Committee, during the session of Friday afternoon, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the papers from the San Francisco Classis, would report that we have carefully examined them, and find that they contain charges made by the Rev. Charles Hartman against the Revs. Conrad F. Waldecker and Julius Fuendeling, with accompanying documents, that involve the moral character of these brethren; and letters from Revs. C. F. Waldecker and J. Fuendeling totally denying the truth of these charges, together with the earnest protest against this Synod entertaining these charges before they have been investigated by the Classis. It further appears from these papers that no annual meeting of the Classis has been held. The reasons given for this neglect are conflicting and contradictory. There is evidently some demoralization in the Classis, but your Committee find it impossible to ascertain the exact state of things from the papers and documents in our hands. It is manifestly irregular to bring charges against a minister before the Synod prior to his prosecution before the

Classis to which he belongs. The Classis in all such cases has primary jurisdiction. Therefore

Resolved, That the charges preferred by the Rev. C. Hartman against the Revs. C. F. Waldecker and J. Fuendeling cannot be entertained at this time, because of their irregularity.

Resolved, That we hereby direct the members of the San Francisco Classis to hold an annual meeting, as soon as possible, to attend to the duties required of them by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish the Rev. Julius Fuendeling, the President of the San Francisco Classis, with an official copy of the foregoing action of the Synod.

Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, J. D. Miller, C. Cort, M. L. Firor, and F. J. Sauerber were appointed a Committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon each member of the Synod to meet the necessary incidental expenses of the sessions of the Synod. Rev. R. Smith and Elder C. A. Shultz were constituted the Committee to collect said assessment. The Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

The Committee, appointed by the Synod to collect the assessment of twenty-five cents upon each member of Synod, begs leave to report that the duty assigned has been attended to, the amount collected being \$19.25. The Committee paid one dollar of this amount to the Stated Clerk for the printing of the tickets, and the balance has been handed over to the pastor *loci*, for the use of the sexton, as directed by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SMITH, *Chairman*.

On Friday afternoon a Special Committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. T. Rossiter, F. J. Sauerber, and Elder F. M. McKeehan. The Committee, just before final adjournment, reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee report that they granted leave of absence to the following members: Revs. P. A. Long, H. F. Long, and Elder B. Hoover, after Friday afternoon's session; Rev. J. B. Shontz, and Elders J. Whitmore, W. H. Harry, and J. Smith, after Saturday's sessions; Revs. J. Hassler, C. H. Reiter, and Elders J. A. Hartman, G. W. Hartman, and J. H. Patterson, after Monday morning's session; and Revs. S. S. Miller, W. R. H. Deatrieh, and S. Wolf, after Monday afternoon's session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman*.

Revs. M. Kieffer, A. F. Dreisbach, and H. Hilbish obtained leave of absence prior to the appointment of the Committee. And Revs. G. D. Gurley, S. M. Hench, W. M. Andrews, and Elder J. Saum were, on motion, excused for absence at the last roll call, having become sick, or been suddenly called away by sickness or death during the sessions of the Synod.

The greetings of the Synod were sent to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at the same time, in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., and were kindly returned by the mother Synod to her daughter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States is hereby commended anew to the favorable consideration of our Churches, and that the Classes within our Synodical bounds be requested to order a collection for the benefit of said Society, to be lifted on or about the third Sunday in June next.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all financial business still remaining unsettled, as between the Zion's Classis and the two Classes of Gettysburg and Carlisle, recently formed out of her territory, is hereby ordered to be finally settled and adjusted through the Treasury of Zion's Classis.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Franklin and Marshall College will celebrate in 1887 the Centennial of Franklin College, and the semi-Centennial of Marshall College; and

WHEREAS, Efforts are now being made with individual members of the Church to give large donations for the erection of new buildings and for increasing the efficiency of the College; and

WHEREAS, The Alumni of the College are engaged in an effort to secure the \$15,000.00 yet necessary to complete the endowment of \$25,000.00 for the Professorship of English Literature; therefore

Resolved, That we commend this cause to the pastors and people in the bounds of this Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions were likewise moved and adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The evils of intemperance are so great and fearful that the Church cannot behold them with indifference; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is the chief source of this evil; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod regards with disfavor the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of all lawful and Christian efforts to save society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance, and earnestly advise our people to co-operate in all such measures as may seem to them wisely adapted to this end.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted by a silent vote, the Synod rising:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report:

Two of the ministers of this Synod have, during the past Synodical year, closed their labors, and have gone to their reward,—Rev. William F. Colliflower of the Maryland Classis, and Rev. Daniel Gring of the Classis of Zion.

The death of these worthy brethren has already been chronicled in various ways, and mention has been made of their shining virtues in the periodicals of the Church, on the minute books of the Classes to which they belonged, in parochial reports, and in the records of pastors; but they are worthy of an additional tribute of respect to their memory from this Synod. They merited the sincere encomiums of the Church. They are deserving of our kindest and

most tender thoughts. Ours is the melancholy pleasure to erect befitting monuments of affection and esteem to their names, already so deeply engraven by their own deeds on the hearts of their spiritual children and those of their brethren who, by an intimate acquaintance, knew them best. We mourn for them in love. We rejoice in the hope of their blessed immortality.

Rev. William F. Colliflower was born at Cavetown, Washington County, Md., February 14th, A. D. 1814. He received his theological education for the work of the holy ministry in the Seminary of the Church, then located at York, Pa. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Classis of Maryland in the year 1836, and was ordained by the same Classis. His first pastoral charge was the Millcreek charge in Shenandoah County, Va., which he entered in the spring of 1837, and served it for two years. In 1839 he became pastor of the Woodstock charge. After a short pastorate in this field, he accepted a call to the Glade charge in Frederick County, Md. Here he continued his labors for eight years. From this field he removed to Manchester, Carroll County, and extended his labors during a period of nine years. He was subsequently the beloved pastor of the Jefferson charge for upwards of ten years. He next served the Bloomfield charge in Perry County, Pa., for three years. For a year and six months he labored in the Sulphur Spring charge, near Carlisle, Pa. The Second Church of Hagerstown, Md., then received his labor for three years. And three years of his ministry were spent in the Abbottstown pastorate, Adams County, Pa. The last named pastorate was the last one of his active ministry. He vacated this in order that he might recover his impaired health, and in the spring of 1880 moved with his family to Frederick, Md.

Father Colliflower's ministry extended over a period of about forty-three years. He served generally large and laborious charges. He was an earnest, animated preacher of the Word. He was very precise in his labors. It was his habit to quote largely from the sacred Scriptures in his sermons, and to establish every prominent point in his discourses by the testimony of God. He was, besides, esteemed in Classis for his carefulness to maintain the Constitution of the Church, and for his ready knowledge of the same.

Rev. W. F. Colliflower died at his home in Frederick, Md., on Sunday, April 30th, 1882, aged 68 years, 2 months, and 16 days. His funeral services took place May 3d, when devout men carried him to his burial, and his body was committed to rest in the beautiful Mount Olivet Cemetery, adjoining the city of his late residence.

Rev. Daniel Gring was born February 8th, A. D. 1811, on the banks of the Tulpehocken Creek, in the vicinity of Reading, Berks County, Pa. An elder brother, Rev. John Gring, still living, had charge of his theological training for two years, and two additional years were spent under the teaching of Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer in the Theological Seminary at York, Pa. He was licensed to preach the Gospel and was ordained to the work of the Christian ministry in the year 1835. His first pastoral field was the Paradise charge, near Milton, Pa. He remained the pastor of this charge for eighteen years. In 1853 he entered upon the pastorate of the Shrewsbury charge, York County, Pa., which he served for a period of twenty-seven years. These two fields of ministerial labor were the only pastorates of his prolonged service in the ministry of the Church.

Father Gring died in York, Pa., May 31st, 1882, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 23 days. He had removed to York about a year previous to his death, having retired from the active duties of the ministry, by reason of physical affliction, for about two years. The funeral services were held June 4th, in Trinity Reformed Church of York. Ministerial brethren were his pall-bearers. His mortal remains lie entombed in Prospect Hill Cemetery, which overlooks the thriving town of York. He was a man of humble mien and retired habits. He had much less regard to outward show than he had to purity of heart and the power of the Holy Spirit. He was a truly sincere man. He was an efficient and successful minister. Our departed brother has perpetuated his honorable family name on our ministerial roll by having given two of his sons in the flesh to our Lord's ministry,—Rev. W. A. Gring, late pastor of the Emmitsburg charge, and Rev. A. D. Gring, foreign missionary in Tokio, Japan.

It is cause for devout gratitude to the Church that Fathers Colliflower and Gring were permitted to continue so long among us, and prosecute their labors to

a good age, and until, by wisdom and experience, they were ripe for the eternal world. It was, no doubt, a gratification to them to have witnessed the progress of our beloved Zion, and her institutions of learning and piety, from a very humble beginning to their extension and prosperity, from the time that they first heard the voice of the Lord to feed His sheep, until wearied from labor and faint from disease they laid aside the shepherd's crook at the close of a well-spent life.

God give us grace to learn wisdom and take courage from the success of the faithful, and "enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy, and so abide with them in rest and peace till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,
H. WISSLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the pastor and members of Christ Reformed Church and other citizens of Altoona who have so kindly and hospitably entertained the members of the Synod, and also to the organist of the church for her constant services in the music of our sessions, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution at the morning service on next Sunday.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk extend the thanks of the Synod to the Pennsylvania Railroad, Northern Central Railway, and Cumberland Valley Railroad Companies for the favor of reduced rates of fare over their respective roads.

The Synodical Roll was then called, and the Elders H. Shoenfelt, A. J. Wisegarver, and E. Bartol failed to respond to the call of their names, and were accordingly noted as absent without excuse.

The minutes were then read finally and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolutions were adopted, during the session of Monday morning, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of Newton, Catawba County, North Carolina, on Wednesday evening, October 17th, A. D. 1883, at 7 o'clock.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Synod be in *General Convention*.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening at 9 o'clock, October 16th, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, singing the Gloria in Excelsis, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

N. H. SKYLES, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

[illegible]

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Inf'ts.	Adults											Benef.	Comp's.	
Joseph W. Santee, D. D., George L. Staley, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, J. Spangler Kieffer, Mortimer L. Shuford, 1 Burkittsville, 1 Allison Long, 1 Taneytown, 1 Ist. Ref., Balto., 4 Jefferson, 5 Mechanicstown, 1 Middletown, 3 Mt. Moriah, 4 Westminster, 3 Mt. Pleasant, 4 Manchester, 1 Christ Ref., 1 St. Paul's (Eng.), 1 3rd. Ref., 4 Glade, 1 Grace Mission, 2 Emmittsburg, Without charge, do do do do Prison Chaplain, Licentiate, do	410 570 180 174 283 132 350 385 310 322 398 200 835 126 503 107 176 393 350 62 377	225 405 80 117 200 79 390 132 245 280 220 70 600 35 360 80 90 135 280 35 335	16 34 21 23 17 12 34 22 15 30 27 9 55 15 39 11 15 17 35 4 11	7 1 1 9 6 2 2 10 27 12 1 2 28 45 3 4 6 19 4 5 4 7 4	28 31 7 20 15 8 6 6 5 326 1 7 5 300 4 12 1 22 3 332 3 2 7 187 11 550 18 5 2 120 4 2 13 4 250 33 00 105 00 576 00 162 50 5 00 185 00	4 8 2 1 10 4 4 2 1 												

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.		Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Burials.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
				Infant	Adults	Benev'nl purposes	Cong'nal purposes													
William M. Deatrick,	Without charge,	3	355	315	11	7	15	9	331	3				4	3	164	1	\$271 01	\$925 10	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown,	Mercersburg,																			do do do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,	2	362	125	7	2	4	25	350	18	4			9	2	200		120 44	900 00	Upper Strasburg, do
Albert G. Dole,	Huntingdon,																			Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Elias D. Shoemaker,	Disabled,	1	104	61	4		1	5	83	6				2	1	77	1	115 50	5343 71	Bedford, Bedford do
Ellis N. Kremer,	Bedford,	3	335	195	13	2	3	10	315	10				11	2	220	2	417 00	1151 00	do do do
Milton H. Sangree,	Waterstreet,																			Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Henry Miller,	Superannuated,																			Waynesboro, Franklin do
Jacob Hassler,	Louden; supply,	2	135	75	16	2	8	2	128	2				3	2	110		84 48	526 00	Mercersburg, do
David M. Whitmer,	Without charge,																			Martinsburg, Berke'ey W. Va.
Frederick A. Rupley,	Clover Creek; supply,	1	148	72	13	2	14	2	142	17				4	1	90		125 00	380 00	Martinsburg, Blair Pa.
William I. Stewart,	Everett,	3	225	142	3	2	3	2	185	3				5	4	130		50 00	400 00	Bedford do
Isaac M. Motter,	Mont Alto,	2	170	122	7	1	4	3	131	2				5	2	220		251 35	1270 25	Waynesboro, do
William C. Cremer,	Chambersburg,	1	313	227	10	2	8	5	242	3				6	1	257		292 79	1175 04	Chambersburg, do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	3	439	300	24	10	33	14	346	8				15	3	306		223 00	1175 00	Waynesboro, do
Henry F. Long,	Woodcock Valley,	4	338	210	33	2	8	4	315	2				14	4	230	1	61 50	790 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
J. David Miller,	Martinsburg,	2	281	195	4	1	6	10	198	11				4	1	110		87 18	783 72	Martinsburg, Blair do
Henry S. Garner,	Schellsburg,	3	241	161	11	1	9	5	187	5				6	2	117		106 71	721 99	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Cyrus H. Reier,	Orbisonia,	3	114	100	14	1	1	1	91	1				1	2	80		24 00	300 00	Orbisonia, Huntingdon do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Yellow Creek,	2	172	115	6	1	8	2	155	1			15	3	2	150		80 00	3790 50	Pattonville, Bedford do
Simon Wolf,	Hickory Bottom,	3	200	82	4	4	9	8	195	1			28	3	3	215		40 35	532 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
John M. Titzel, D. D.,	Altoona,	1	367	260	22	1	28	30	260	6				6	1	290	1	245 92	1227 38	Altoona, do
William H. Herbert,	Grindstonehill,	3	180	53	4	5	12	5	157	5				2	3	155		71 81	775 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Cyrus J. Musser,	St. Clairsville,	3	348	293	20	3	12	302	7					5	2	263		113 76	764 25	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Cyrus Cort,	Greencastle,	2	299	195	24	7	21	12	223	17			14	21	2	209		224 16	1438 84	Greencastle, Franklin do
Calvin S. Slagle,	Dunning's Creek,	3	245	166	13		5	225	4				5	3	155		64 57	890 41	Cesna, Bedford do	
G. W. Auchinbaugh, D. D.,	Principi Mer. College,																			Mercersburg, Franklin do
Jonas B. Shontz,	Shippensburg,	1	136	45	8		1	119					25	1	77		74 82	622 15	Shippensburg, Cumberland do	
William M. Andrews,	Greenfield,	4	394	413	42	4	24	8	319	11			15	5	3	290		50 00	685 00	Claysburg, Blair do
Eusebius H. Diefenbacher,	Sulphur Spring,	3	155	158	7	1	1	4	116	1			3	2	100		10 00	210 38	Mann's Choice, Bedford do	
Vacant,	Friend's Cove,	3	261	204	6		11	2	219	8			12	3	160		384 62	550 00	Charlesville, Bedford do	
"	St. Thomas,	3	184	186	11	2	4	7	179	6			5	2	143		98 54	731 74	St. Thomas, Franklin do	
"	McConnellsburg,	3	142	73	5		10	2	118	3			1	1	70		40 83	448 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton do	
"	Clear Ridge,*																			Clearville, Bedford do
St. John's, Chamb.,	Lieutenant,	1	67	59	2		2	2	47				2	1	73		23 00	187 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do	
John M. North,	do																			Mercersburg, do
Edgar S. Hassler,	do																			Butler, do
Total, 32.	29.	71	6710	4602	344	60	250	195	5678	161			102	163	59	4661	6	\$3752 33	\$28,693 96	

* Charge recently formed, and statistics included in the Everett charge.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconbr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Ex- com.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Inf'rs.	Adults										Benev.	Comp.	
G. Wm. Welker, D.D.,	4 Guilford,	389	231	21		3	1	375			4	2	165		\$41 00	\$490 00	Shaw's Mills,
Jeremiah Ingold.	1 Hickory,	40	25	2			2	35			1	1	50		7 35	200 00	Hickory,
Thomas Long,	4 Upper Davidson,	231	131	12	28	47		100			5	3	82	2	36 00		Salem,
John Ingle,	3 Central Rowan,	135	102	15		10	2	127			1	1	50		7 00	132 00	Salisbury,
Jacob C. Clapp,	3 Catawba,	189	80	5		13	2	189	1						40 00	350 00	Newton,
Michael L. Hedrick,	4 Lower Davidson,	199	90	9		5		199			3	1	20		2 00		Silver Hill,
John A. Foil,	3 Lincoln,	210	122	14		1	2	188			2	3	105		30 00	270 00	Newton,
Vacant,	2 East Rowan,	418	236	18				345			3	2	225		35 00		Heilig's Mills,
Peter M. Trexler,	Without charge,																Lancaster,
Paul Barringer,	2 West Rowan,	282	215	32	1	5	8	252	4	2	9	2	90		31 00	1225 00	China Grove,
Vacant,	3 Grace,	140	94	7		2	2	124			2	1	33		16 00	300 00	Hickory,
G. Dickie Gurley,	1 Concord,	12	8					12								70 00	Newton,
Vacant,	1 Moffitt's Grove,	40	25					33									Thomasville,
Robert F. Crooks,	Without charge,																Concord,
Alexander S. Vaughan,	Pres. Claremont College,																Hickory,
Total, 12.		2285	1359	135	29	84	19	2039	5	2	30	17	900	2	\$245 35	\$3394 00	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults										Beney. Pur.	Cong. Pur.	
William K. Zieber, D. D.,	Without charge,																	Hanover, York County, Pa.
Jacob D. Zehring,	Superannuated,	2	358	220	20		22	2	328	10		4	1	130		\$215 00	\$1,000 00	Codorus, do
Moses Kieffer, D. D.,	Gettysburg,	4	460	280	25		19	1	430	2		16	3	200		143 54	2,250 00	Gettysburg, Adams
Andrew J. Heller,	Conowago,	3	670	371	37		43	9	536	10		10	3	250		212 85	975 00	Arendtsville do
John Kretzing,	Christ Church,																	do
William D. Lefevre,	Without charge,																	do
Silas F. Laury.	Emmanuel's,	4	838	687	63	1	38	3	807	5		23	9	600		208 53	829 00	Jefferson, York
David U. Wolff,	Abbotstown,	3	430	290	21		27	16	400	4	11	23	1	125		51 00	1,865 00	New Oxford, Adams
Henry Hilbish,	Manheim,	4	526	250	46	3	24	2	495	1		24	5	325		134 00	1,300 00	Hanover, York
David N. Dittmar,	Littlestown,	1	213	210	20		16	27	209	7		37	3	150	1	30 00	2,000 00	Littlestown, Adams
Walter E. Krebs,	Without charge,																	do
Vacant,	Hanover,	1	358	290	23		2		290	6		5	1	260		318 00	1,521 00	Hanover, York
do	East Berlin,	2	160	100									2	75				East Berlin, Adams
Total, 11.		24	4013	2698	255	5	189	62	3495	45	48	108	26	2115	1	\$1,312 92	\$11,740 00	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults										Beney. Pur.	Cong. Pur.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,	3	310	180	18	7	25	17	280	3		2	2	296		\$61 00	\$1,150 00	Newport, Perry County, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman,	Zion's,	4	425	200	19	7	43	12	400	6		8	6	200	1	184 00	1,000 00	Blain, do
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.,	Superannuated,																	Shippensburg, Cumberland
U. H. Hellman,	Mechanicsburg,	2	300	175	4	1	4	5	290							50 00	1,200 00	do do
J. Marion Miekly,	Newburg,	1	132	85	4	1	8	5	124			1	1	150		48 00	650 00	Newburg, do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	Carlisle,	1	219	180	5	3	16	8	190	5		5	1	152		57 43	1,628 00	Carlisle, do
George E. Addams,	Sulphur Springs,	4	183	75	8	4	18	3	162	1		3	4	152		100 00	863 45	do do
Henry T. Spangler,	Landisburg,	4	353	279	28		13	4	310	9		7	7	322		338 00	3,946 00	do do
James R. Lewis,	Duncannon,	2	125	100					90				2	100				Landisburg, Perry
Vacant,	St. Andrew's Church,	1																Duncannon, do
Total, 9.		22	2047	1274	81	23	127	54	1846	24		26	35	1622	1	\$838 43	\$10,437 45	

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-	cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev.	Cong'l	
Julius Fuendeling, Conrad F. Waldecker, E. De Geller, Charles Hartman,	2 San Francisco, 1 Stockton, 1 Napa, Alameda Mission	4	265 93 67	665 102 45	97 19 4		22	26 14 2	265 70 25	14 7 2	14 2 2	14 2 2	12 3 5	10 9 1	2 1 31	537 80 1	\$ 140 23 12	\$2930 800 500	San Francisco, California. San Francisco, California. Stockton, California. Alameda, California.
Total, 4.			425	812	120		22	42	360	18	20	28	4	648	1	\$175	\$4230	00	

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-	cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev.	Cong'l	
John Gantenbein, Jacob Muellhaupt, Julius Lange, Hartmann Stauss, Frederick Ewald, Albert Kreuter, Geo. Meckersheimer,	3 Portland, 3 Salem, 1 Meridian, 1 Emanuel, 3 St. Peter, Seattle Mission,	11	126 54 31 17 59	130 42 29 20 57	38 7 3 9 1	1		5 5 2 4 7	80 40 21 47	5 5 2 4 7	2 2 2 3 7	2 2 2 3 7	6 3 3 3	2 1 2 1 3	2 1 1 1 1	80 18 24 10 18	\$60 200 325 56 62	\$763 00 00 00 00	Portland, Salem, Stadford, Clackamas Co., West Union, Wash'g'tn Co., Oregon City, Seattle, Washington Ter'y Napa, California.
Total, 7.			287	278	58	1	3	23	188	2	15	5	6	150		\$60	\$1406	00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

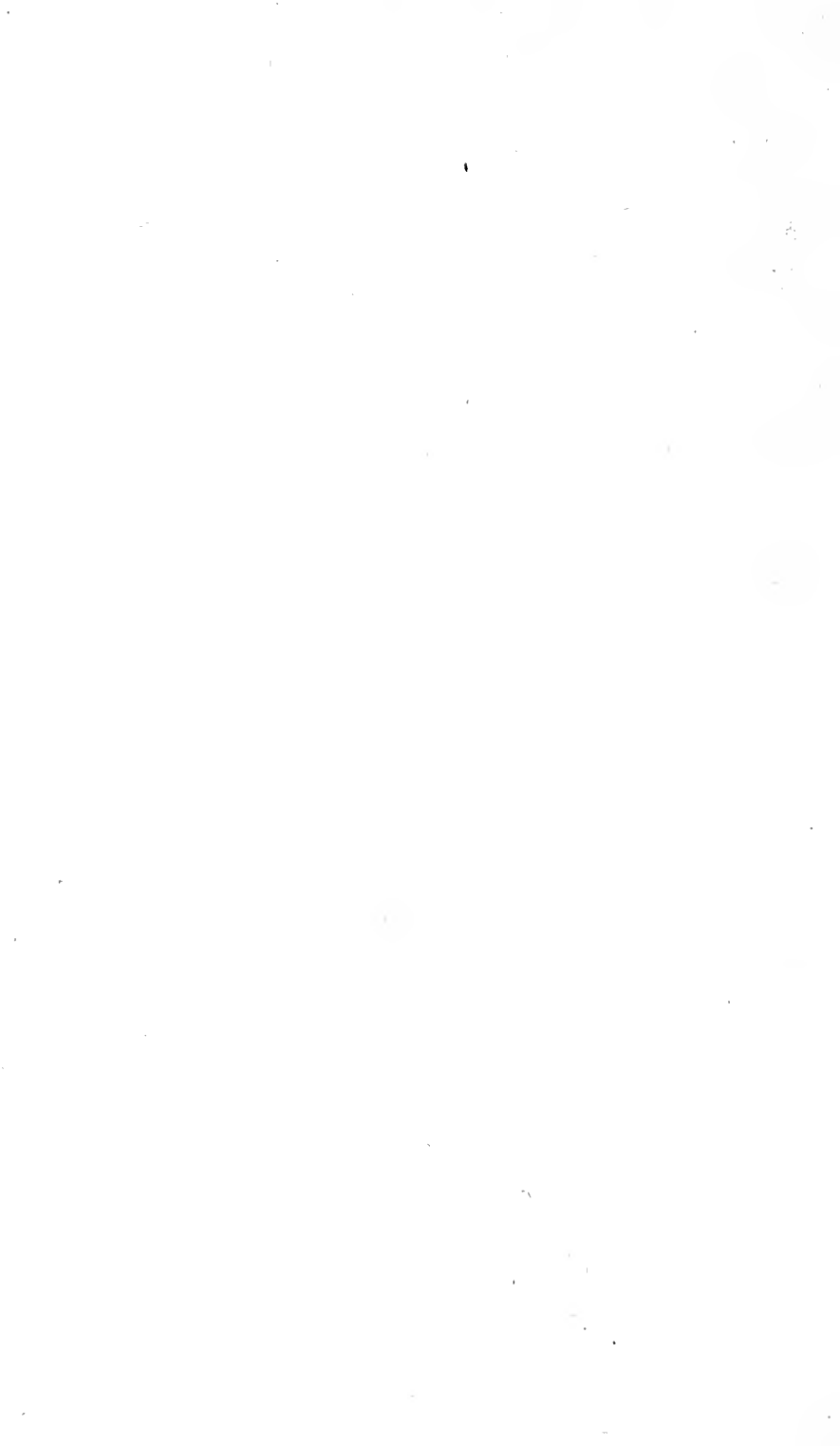
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

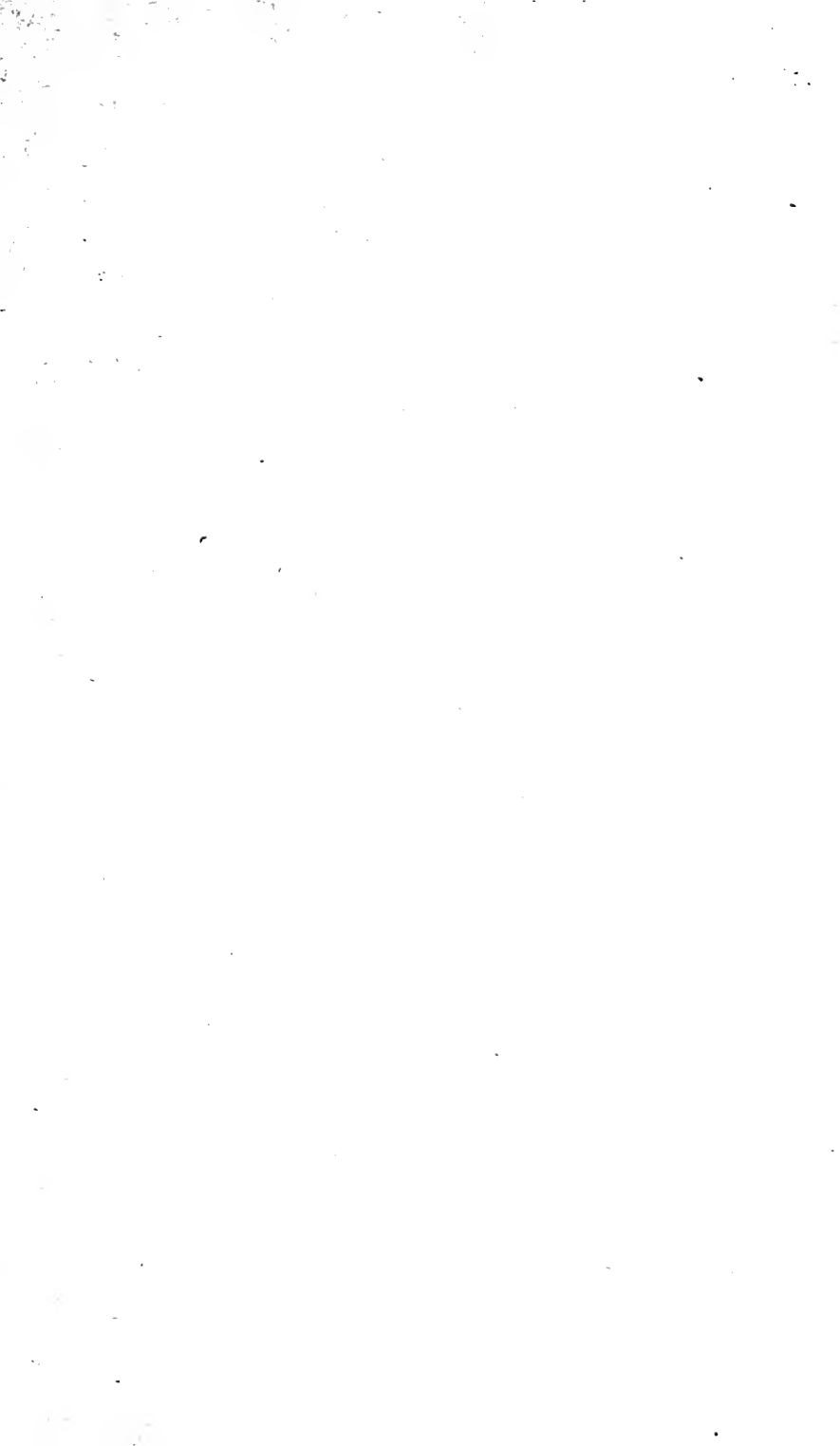
CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Names of Deceased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Reverend Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's, -	13	33	3,720	2,502	351	21	214	40	3,050	31		8	118	42	2,594	1	\$1,146 63	\$11,281 00
Maryland, -	28	51	6,533	4,323	462	51	366	112	5,466	94	1	28	235	46	4,526	3	5,559 76	43,355 00
Mercesburg, -	32	71	6,710	4,602	344	60	250	193	5,678	161		102	163	59	4,661	6	3,752 33	28,693 96
Virginia, -	16	25	2,102	880	100	18	84	24	1,521	21		11	43	16	900	1	1,003 00	8,651 00
North Carolina, -	12	31	2,255	1,359	135	29	84	19	2,039	5	2		30	17	900	2	245 85	3,394 00
Gettysburg, -	11	24	4,013	2,698	255	5	189	62	3,495	45		48	108	26	2,115	1	1,312 92	11,740 00
Carlisle -	9	22	2,047	1,274	81	23	127	54	1,846	24		29	28	25	1,622	1	838 43	10,437 45
San Francisco, -	4	4	425	316	120		22	42	360	18		15	22	4	648	1	175 00	4,230 00
Portland-Oregon, -	7	11	287	278	58	1	3	23	188	2		15	5	6	150		60 00	1,406 00
Total, 9 Classes,	132	272	28,122	18,732	1,906	208	1,339	571	23,643	401	3	239	750	241	18,116	16	\$14,093 42	\$123,188 41
Synod of the United States, 9 Classes,	215	449	69,816	40,080	5,810	395	3,941	1,397	55,331	722	2	521	2,806	522	42,696	48	37,956 17	291,426 16
Synod of Ohio, - 10 Classes,	140	285	18,897	7,871	744	402	975	656	15,080	273	13	484	363	219	15,931	12	11,724 00	104,568 00
Synod of the North West, 8 Classes,	110	146	13,249	9,663	1,168	30	969	834	10,077	170	30	266	388	124	7,260	20	7,658 00	51,423 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	58	127	12,275	8,558	860	73	723	477	10,567	223		208	268	103	8,037	15	49,108 83	58,936 89
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	42	37	9,469	6,048	1,744	20	701	430	7,536	53	3	214	447	37	6,377	3	5,349 00	53,259 00
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	70	116	14,758	10,057	1,129	31	892	583	11,400	96	5	171	693	98	8,940	14	7,927 00	64,198 00
Grand Total, 7 Dist Synods; 50 Classes,	767	1,432	166,786	101,309	13,361	1,159	9,531	4,948	133,631	1,938	56,210	5,715	1,344	107,357	128	\$133,816 42	\$746,999 46	

INDEX.

	PAGE
Absence, Report of Committee on Leave of.....	48
Advisory Members.....	4
Carlisle Classis, Request granted.....	40
Classes, Report of Committee on Minutes of.....	9
Communications received.....	5
Contingent Expenses of Synod, Assessment of.....	38
Education, Report of Board.....	13
" " Committee on.....	18
Election of Officers of Synod.....	4
" Members of the several Boards of Synod.....	46
Examination, Licensure and Ordination, Report of Committee on.....	11
Finance, Report of Committee on.....	38
Franklin and Marshall College, Preamble and Resolutions in regard to.....	49
Intemperance, Preamble and Resolutions with reference to.....	49
Iowa Classis, Request for aid referred to Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.....	36
Juniata Classis, Formation authorized.....	40
Members of the Synod in attendance.....	3
Mercersburg College, Report of Board of Regents.....	14
Ministerial Necrology, Report of Committee on.....	49
Ministers of other Churches present.....	4
Minutes of Classes, Report of Committee on.....	9
" Synod " " ".....	7
" " " Stated Clerk on Publishing.....	42
" " Publication ordered.....	42
Missions, Report of the Tri-Synodic Board of.....	20
" " " Superintendent of.....	20
" " " Treasurer of.....	33
" " " Committee on.....	34
Opening of Synod.....	3
Orphans' Home, Report of Committee on Bethany and St. Paul's.....	47
Overtures, Report of Committee on.....	9
Portland-Oregon Classis, Action on Request of.....	25
Proposed Changes in Church Government, Report of Committee on.....	41
Publication Board, Report of Reformed Church.....	41
" Report of Committee on.....	45
Religion, Report of Committee on the State of.....	11
Religious Services, Report of Committee on.....	6
San Francisco Classis, Report of Committee on the Troubles in.....	47
Seminary Property at Mercersburg, Action in regard to transfer of.....	19
Society for Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers.....	49
Standing Committees appointed.....	5
Statistical Reports.....	52
Sunday-School Board, Report of.....	39
Thanks, Resolutions of.....	51
Theological Seminary, Reports of Boards of Visitors and Trustees.....	15
Treasurer of Synod, Annual Report of.....	37
Washington Mission Chapel, Apportionments of urged to be promptly paid.....	35
" " " Sums contributed for.....	34
Zion's Classis, Request granted.....	38







BX9568 .P8A2 v.1

Princeton Theological Seminary-Speer Library



1 1012 00002 5959